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President George W. Bush poses for a picture with brothers Simon and Phillip Rawson of New Mexico Wing's Las Cruces Composite Squadron during a recent campaign stop in Las Cruces, N.M. The Las Cruces squadron cadet color guard also presented the colors at the political gathering. Phillip and Simon are the sons of New Mexico State Senator Lee Rawson of Las Cruces. He is the minority whip in the New Mexico State Legislature.

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COMMANDER INTRODUCES 2003 SAFETY PLEDGE



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THE 2003 SAFETY PLEDGE FOR ALL CAP FLYING AND GROUND ACTIVITIES

1. As you know, our safety record during 2002 was very disappointing, especially in flying safety. We damaged or destroyed several of our aircraft, and more importantly, we lost the lives of several dedicated volunteers so dear to us. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families.

2. For many years prior to this year, CAP had the reputation of having the best flying safety record in general aviation. Along with increasing aircraft mishaps, our bodily injuries and serious bodily injuries are on the rise, especially in the cadet ranks. We must have laser-like focus on mishap prevention, if we are to turn these trends around and regain the trust and confidence of our cadets' parents and the many customers that partner with CAP in our missions for America.

3. As I ponder our safety problems, I reflect on the core values of CAP: Integrity, volunteerism, excellence and respect. These values serve as the bedrock of all that we stand for. Without safety, these values mean nothing. If we do not have a strong safety program, it means: (1) that we lack *integrity* in self-policing our members and all of our CAP operations and activities; (2) that our humanitarian efforts through *volunteerism* cannot be achieved; (3) that we have failed in our quest for *excellence* in service to America; and, (4) that we lack *respect* for the safety and welfare of our members and those we serve. So, in essence, for our core values to be fully realized, safety must be the wind beneath our wings.

4. In order to reverse these negative trends in our safety record, we must institute an organizational culture change that brings safety to the forefront of our minds. To do so requires the institution of a safety *goal* for CAP and a serious *commitment* by every CAP member to attain that goal. We must *optimize the safety and welfare of our members* in all CAP activities, protect CAP resources and regain the stature of our organization as being the *safest flying organization in general aviation*.

SAFETY PLEDGE

I am proposing the following 2003 Safety Pledge For All CAP Flying and Ground Activities — and ask that you spread it constantly throughout our great organization. I would like the pledge to become an integral part of the start of every CAP gathering — ranging from unit meetings all the way to the National Board and Annual Conference. These meetings often begin with a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, as a reminder of our patriotism. I would like the Pledge of Allegiance to be followed by a recital of the CAP 2003 Safety Pledge.

The 2003 Safety Pledge For All CAP Flying And Ground Activities:

I pledge to do my part to foster a safe environment during all CAP activities, to be a responsible steward of CAP resources and to fully prepare myself for the challenging missions that serve America.

Thank you all for your great service to CAP and the nation. I look forward to reciting this pledge with you.

RICHARD L. BOWLING
Major General (Select), CAP
National Commander

Note: The 2003 safety pledge can be downloaded off the Internet at www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special_Interest.

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BOG conducts final 2002 meeting

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Board of Governors for the Civil Air Patrol held their fourth and final meeting of 2002 on Dec. 3 at the Wardman Park Marriott in Washington, D.C.

After opening the meeting, the chairman, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Nicholas B. Kehoe expressed his appreciation to all CAP members, saying, "Thanks to all Civil Air Patrol members, as well as the members of the board, for your many endeavors ... for all you are doing to capture the volunteer spirit, talent and capabilities of those who are serving our nation through their volunteer efforts. We do appreciate it."

The meeting was adjourned briefly for a promotion ceremony, in which U.S. Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

Gen. Robert H. Foglesong presided. Brig. Gen. Richard L. Bowling was promoted to the grade of major general and Col. Dwight H. Wheless was promoted to the grade of brigadier general.

Kehoe stated this event was a great tribute, not only to the CAP national commander and national vice commander, but to all the volunteer members of CAP across the country "who, together with the added dimension of the board of governors, adds up to a more meaningful service to America."

The chairman informed the board members his term as chairman would conclude on Feb. 26, 2003. According to CAP's constitution, the offices of chairman and vice chairman are filled on a rotating basis every two years between CAP members and Air Force members. The next chairman will be elected from the four members of CAP serving on the board

and the vice chairman will be elected from the four members of the board appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

The board's first order of business was the approval of budgets and future funding requests. Following this, CAP Executive Director Col. Al Allenback briefed the board on the transformation of CAP headquarters, future of the CAP Supply Depot, aircraft procurement and NASCAR marketing platform.

Air Force Brig. Gen. David E. Clary, director for Homeland Security, briefed the board on the Air Force's new Homeland Security Directorate. Following that was a briefing on the Air Force Auxiliary (CAP) Division, now under the Air Force's Homeland Security Directorate. That briefing was presented by Air Force Col. Richard L. Anderson, chief of the division and former CAP national commander.

CAP leadership holds Vision Retreat in Atlanta

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — If, as French novelist Marcel Proust noted, the voyage of discovery lies in having "new eyes," then Civil Air Patrol leaders are now one step closer to finalizing a new and vital strategic plan for the organization during its Vision Retreat in Atlanta Jan. 17-18.

Seventeen Air Force and CAP leaders attending the retreat — hosted by CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Rick Bowling — examined previous work on the CAP Strategic Plan and made revisions using CAP's current mission and vision statements as guidelines.

Of particular interest were changes made necessary by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"It was imperative that we define ways to maximize our resources to respond in a post-'9/11' environment," Bowling stated.

According to Don Rowland, director of Plans and Requirements at CAP National Headquarters, senior CAP leaders and Air Force representatives exchanged ideas openly and candidly.

"Topics included safety, professionalism, CAP core competencies, funding partnerships, membership strength, training, aerospace education, public aware-

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AT A GLANCE

■ 4 TN members ASIST qualified

TENNESSEE — Four members of the Tennessee Wing completed the two-day Train the Trainers Course for the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

The members are: Capt. Phillip L. Blansett, Wilson County Composite Squadron commander; Maj. Donald James, Waverly Composite Squadron commander; Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ronald Hamm, chaplain for the Wilson County Berry Field Composite squadrons; and Sr. Mbr. Dennis Daniels, a chaplain candidate.

The course is taught by all branches of the U.S. military, and was introduced to the Civil Air Patrol at the Southeast Region 2000 Chaplain Staff College.

The four members were given grants by the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network to become trainers. The training is designed to teach lay people how to intervene with a person who is at risk of suicide.

The four members are available to teach this seminar to other CAP members nationwide. All four have doctoral degrees in various disciplines and will provide a

quality seminar. Special arrangements can be made for some grants to be available to cover part or all of the costs.

To schedule any of these trainers, members may contact Hamm at (615) 443-9953 or e-mail at hcf.pastor1@networktel.net.

■ NAFI renews FL member's rating

FLORIDA — The National Association of Flight Instructors announced that they renewed the master certified flight instructor designation for Walter S. Schamel.

Schamel is a member of the Florida Wing and the training manager for Airline Transport Professionals. He also served as chairman of CAP's Safety Process Action Group.

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 81,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 300 have achieved this distinction thus far. The last seven national flight instructors of the year were master CFIs. Schamel is one of only 38 Florida aviation educators to earn this "master" title.

The master instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA that is earned by candidates through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially. This process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Simply put, the master

instructor designation is a means by which to identify those outstanding aviation educators, those "teachers of flight" who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community.

To publicly recognize these individuals and their noteworthy accomplishments, NAFI will be hosting its "Meet the Masters" breakfasts, to which Schamel will be invited, during the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisc., and Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Fla.

■ Aerovents.com begins third year

TEXAS — AeroVents.com, a Web site dedicated to increasing awareness and interest in the field of aviation, is beginning its third year of operation.

The site has listed more than 4,000 worldwide events for two years running.

The mission of AeroVents.com is to publicize events to aviation enthusiasts and professionals, as well as to the general public. The site lists a vast array of events, including space launches, seminars, model rocketry and aircraft, ballooning, skydiving, plane pulls, open houses, air shows, fly-ins and educational programs.

Any person or organization can submit events to be posted. It is important to note there is no charge to add an event to the site. To announce an event or to view upcoming events, visit the Web site. In addition to viewing the events online, a weekly e-mail service — *E-Vents on the Fly* — is available to subscribers.



Blansett



Daniels



Hamm



James

South Dakota Wing 'fire spotters' fly 150 hours, spot 43 'smokes'

2nd Lt. Michael Odle

*Public Affairs Officer
South Dakota Wing*

SOUTH DAKOTA — The South Dakota Wing took on the role of fire spotters during the summer of 2002, flying more than 150 hours and spotting 43 fires for the Wildland Fire Division.

"Western South Dakota was very dry, pushing fire dangers to an extremely hazardous level," said Lt. Col. Michael Beason, the wing's director of operations. "As a result, the state of South Dakota Wildland Fire Division requested our assistance in searching for fires in the Black Hills."

Beth Adams, public information officer for the Wildland Fire Division, said they chose to use the wing because of their "availability and eagerness to help."

Without the wing, 43 fires may have turned disastrous in the Black Hills.

When a fire was spotted, pilots relayed the information to the wing's

Incident Command Center, in Spearfish, S.D. The incident command team confirmed the location of the fire using latitude and longitude, identified acreage or structures in danger, and alerted the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division. Pilots also directed emergency service vehicles to those areas to battle the blazes.

"Because the Civil Air Patrol was on top of those smokes and got our engines there, none of the 43 fires spotted made it past 10 acres."

On one particular Saturday, wing members spotted 13 fires and directed crews to battle the blazes.

August kept the wing especially busy. With the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which brings 50,000 bikers to the region, the potential for fire was great. The state asked the wing to fly twice-daily patrols over the Black Hills to search for man-made fires. Eleven flights were flown and six fires located.

Wing aircrews flew 43.6 hours, encompassing one-third of the total



A picture of one of the "smokes" spotted by South Dakota Wing aircrew members this past summer.

fire-spotting hours for the summer.

Besides aerial reconnaissance, communications and dispatch, wing members transported materials and people across the region. One such person was Joe Lowe, coordinator of the Wildland Suppression Division, to conduct aerial observations.

The wing members used satellite-based global-positioning technology and infrared surveys to provide pictures of blazes engulfing forests in South Dakota and Wyoming.

Video stills were downloaded to a ground unit and then transmitted to managers for analysis.

"I can't tell you how much they [South Dakota members] saved us, but it was a great deal of money — hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Adams.

More than 30 members from Custer, Lookout Mountain, Onida, Rushmore, and Philip Composite squadrons were involved in the missions.

Help support CAP's heritage

The Civil Air Patrol Historical Foundation is offering a piece of CAP history to members and supporters. Members can get an item of CAP history while helping preserve CAP's proud heritage through the CAP Historical Foundation.

A \$20 donation to the CAPHF will be rewarded with the story of CAP Coastal Patrol on home video — the 12-minute "CAP Subchasers of WWII" on VHS. The latest history book on the Coastal Patrol, *From Maine to Mexico*, is also available for a \$20 donation.

Postwar CAP, as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is celebrated in a color reproduction of an actual 1950s-vintage official poster titled, "On the Air Force Team." The poster depicts CAP's L-16 search plane and Air Force fighters of the period. It's available for a \$15 donation.

Orders are also being accepted for a limited number of jacket patches and flight-bag stickers featuring the World War II Coastal Patrol "Little Plane — Big Bomb" insignia, as adopted (with permission) by the CAP Historical Foundation. A \$15 donation is requested for each.

CAPHF is officially recognized by the CAP. All contributions are tax deductible. Address donations (checks payable to: CAP Historical Foundation) and desired historical item(s) to: Drew Steketee, CAPHF Executive Director, 21212 Sweetgrass Way, Ashburn, VA 20147.



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The American Society of Aviation Artists 2003 International Juried Art Exhibition

A celebration of the Centennial of Powered Flight. The exhibition is open to all artists worldwide. Eligibility requirements: Original works on any aerospace subject, from any era, created after Jan. 1, 1997, and not included in a previous ASAA juried exhibition.

In addition to the exhibition, Aviation Week & Space Technology will select the "best of the best" winner and winners in each of four categories: Commercial, Military, General Aviation and Space.

Winners will appear in AW&ST's December 22-29, 2003, Photo and Aviation Art Issue. Valuable cash prizes will be awarded.

Exhibition entry deadline: 35mm slides must be received by April 30, 2003.

For more information, contact: American Society of Aviation Artists, 6541 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO 80503. E-mail — exhibit2003@asaa-avart.org; Internet — www.asaa-avart.org



"No Quarry Today"
painting by
Dominic DeNardo

Maine Wing aircrew locates C-182 crash site 3 hours after notification

Maj. Christopher J. Hayden
Public Affairs Officer
Maine Wing

MAINE — Within three hours of activation by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Oct. 12, Maine Wing members located the crash site of an overdue Cessna C-182 with one person on board near the top of 2,700-foot Saddleback Mountain, southeast of Rangley, Maine.

The aircraft was on a flight from Norridgewock in Central Maine to Caribou in Northern Maine and back.

At midnight on Oct. 11, the aircraft departed Caribou, Maine, on its return to Norridgewock. Assuming that he had remained the night, the pilot's wife did not realize anything was wrong until late the following morning. She then contacted the Maine State Police who in turn contacted the AFRCC.

Within an hour of activation, the first wing aircraft departed from Caribou. Aircrew members were: Lt. Col. John Trask, 1st Lt. Glen Martin and 1st Lt. Tim Lyford.

The crew members were instructed to fly direct to the aircraft's last known radar location. The second CAP aircraft, launched from Norridgewock, with Col. Mitch Sammons and Maj. Mike Peller on board. They were instructed to fly a route search.

As the wing aircrews and ground teams set off, Maine Wing's chaplain, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Stuart Price, called the missing pilot's family and kept them informed of the search progress. He then drove to the family residence to be on hand when the missing aircraft was found.

Shortly after, Trask and his crew reported locating the crash scene just 2 hours and 56 minutes after first notification.

The pilot did not survive the crash.

The Maine State Warden Service then completed the operation.

The crash site was located near the top of the 2,700-foot Saddleback Mountain, southeast of Rangley, Maine.

OR Wing shares 'find' with National Guard; helps locate missing C-172 with 2 on board

Lt. Col. Thomas Traver
Public Affairs Officer
Oregon Wing

OREGON — The Oregon Wing will share a "find" with the Oregon Army National Guard's 1042nd Air Medical Company after locating a missing Cessna C-172 on Oct. 1.

The aircraft was reported missing by family members when it failed to arrive on time from a flight from Boise, Idaho, to Medford Ore.

About the same time the plane was reported missing, an emergency locator transmitter signal was reported in the vicinity by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Oregon aircrews responded to the ELT search, as ground teams from the Jackson and Klamath County Sheriffs departments began mobilizing for ground search operations.

Oregon aircrew members — Robert Solz, Doug Henderson, Robert Sloat, Dallas Enger, Walt Wattenburger and Bill Krayner — located the ELT beacon from the downed plane at the 8,700-foot level of Mount McLoughlin near Klamath Falls, Ore., on Sept. 30. The plane appar-

ently encountered a severe weather front that was moving across southern Oregon as they were returning to Medford. Both men on board were killed in the crash.

"None of the three sorties we flew resulted in our being able to visually confirm the find due to extreme weather conditions consisting of heavy clouds carrying mixed rain and snow that kept moving across the mountain on Monday," said Lt. Col. Buzz Florip, commander of the Medford Composite Squadron and also the incident commander for air operations on the search.

"An Oregon Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter, which lacked direction-finding capability, tried to establish a visual verification, but also had to turn back due to weather," he said. "On Oct. 1, the Blackhawk made another try and, because the weather had cleared overnight, the crew was able to fly to the coordinates we provided and established a visual confirmation."

A sheriffs department ground team from Klamath County encountered three to four inches of fresh snow on loose lava rock at the crash site, which was located on the sheer face of the mountain and seriously hindered recovery operations.

PA Wing passes 20,000-hour mark for CD missions

1st Lt. Lynda C. Paulsen
Director of Public Affairs
Pennsylvania Wing

PENNSYLVANIA — The Pennsylvania Wing recently set a milestone by completing 20,000 hours of counterdrug flying.

Upon landing at Butler Airport, a Pennsylvania National Guard aircrew where the first to congratulate wing pilots Maj. Nick Melnick and Capts. Bud Miller and Tom Brennan.

Pennsylvania National Guard and Pennsylvania State Police officials have said every year that "without the Civil Air Patrol in our marijuana eradication program, it would be impossible to do."

In 2002 alone, the wing has flown almost 1,000 hours supporting other counterdrug organizations as high-bird, grid searching and many other tasks. The result — more than 2,000 plants have been found and destroyed.

Maj. Paul Falavolito has held the position of counterdrug



From left, Pennsylvania National Guard aircrew members Chief Warrant Officer Maurice Williams and Staff Sgt. Robert Nicely congratulate Pennsylvania Wing aircrew members Capt. Bud Miller, Capt. Tom Brennan and Maj. Nick Melnick after the three senior members put their wing over the 20,000 flying-hour mark for counterdrug missions.

officer for the Pennsylvania Wing since the program began six years ago. All 20,000 counterdrug flying hours have been accomplished under his direct supervision.

"It took a great team effort from everyone in the program to

reach this milestone. Safety was always first because if you can't do things safely, then there is nothing worth doing."

The Pennsylvania Wing's counterdrug program has averaged 1,428 hours per year for the past 14 years.

Texas cadet spots fuel leak, possibly saves lives of 3 aircrew members

Capt. Michael Fjetland
Public Affairs Officer
Sugar Land Composite Squadron
Texas Wing

TEXAS — On Dec. 8, Capt. Michael Fjetland, an aircrew member who was participating in a homeland defense search and rescue exercise at the Sugar Land Municipal Airport, Sugar Land, Texas., recommended that Cadet Staff Sgt. Joseph Boyd be recognized for his actions in preventing a possible aerial catastrophe.

Boyd, who was working as a flight line marshaler, spotted a fuel leak on an aircraft that proved difficult to see and could have easily been mistaken for dense condensation covering the aircraft that morning. Fjetland assessed the non-routine leak could have caused an aircraft fire during the mission if ignited by a hot en-

gine had it not been for the sharp-eyed cadet.

He notified Fjetland, the senior flight marshaler, who immediately contacted the pilot in command. On his own initiative, Boyd moved the flight line fire extinguisher to a position near the aircraft and kept other cadets at a safe distance from the aircraft.

A check of the aircraft by the mission pilot confirmed the fuel leak as reported and the sortie was immediately canceled. The aircraft was taken off the flight schedule and the leak was investigated. It proved to be a carburetor leak — one of the most dangerous.

Sugar Land Composite Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Lee Lance has since put the 16-year-old Sugar Land resident in for a Commander's Commendation.

Boyd's actions possibly saved the lives of three CAP aircrew and prevented the loss of or severe damage to a corporate aircraft.

Capt. Chuck Bremholm presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Boyd, pending approval of the commendation award, during the squadron's regularly scheduled meeting at Sugar Land Municipal Airport Dec. 17 in recognition of his outstanding performance.

"It's great to know we can depend on our cadets to be a viable part of the CAP team," stated Lance. "Cadet Boyd is indicative of the quality of the youth enrolled in today's CAP program. This truly could have ended in disaster and a media nightmare, had it not been for the outstanding actions of this young man."

Fjetland agreed. "We could easily have been a fly-



Photo by 1st Lt. Martin Wehmeier

From left, Sugar Land Composite Squadron member Capt. Chuck Bremholm presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Cadet Staff Sgt. Joseph Boyd, also of the Sugar Land squadron. Boyd received the certificate for spotting a fuel leak on an aircraft and possibly saving the lives of three aircrew members.

ing fireball had it not been for Cadet Boyd. The leak was hard-to-spot and could easily have been mistaken for

typical damp Houston day. I suggested a commendation for him because not many cadets — and not enough pilots — would have caught it."

SD members search for man on Christmas

2nd Lt. Michael Odle
Public Affairs Officer
South Dakota Wing

SOUTH DAKOTA — On Dec. 24 an elderly man with alzheimer's disease was reported missing at 7 p.m. by his wife in the Spearfish, S.D., area. At 9:30 p.m., the South Dakota Highway Patrol contacted the South Dakota Wing and requested assistance.

Wing ground teams searched the region; however, darkness and the wilderness conditions hampered efforts.

Wing members requested night-vision goggles from the National Guard's 842nd Engineering Company. Crews were outfitted with the goggles and then continued the search.

The search area was divided up into grids and wing members worked through the night to narrow the search area searching from Spearfish Creek across the city of Spearfish to Lookout Mountain. For safety reasons,

crews called it a night at 4 a.m.

At early light on Christmas morning, ground teams resumed the search, along with members from nine other organizations — the National Guard, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Spearfish Police and Fire departments, Women's Auxiliary, Meade County Sheriffs Office, Spearfish Ambulance, Lawrence County Search and Rescue, and Rapid City Medical Life Flight.

By mid-morning, the Meade County Sheriff's Department brought up a canine team. About 20 minutes later they found the elderly gentleman alive, but disoriented and with a mild case of hyperthermia at the Basin of Lookout Mountain.

The Spearfish Fire Department along with an Oregon Wing ground team hiked to the basin of Lookout Mountain and placed the man on a stretcher to extract him. A secondary wing ground team met the primary team half way to switch and continue the hike. A medical evacu-

At early light on Christmas morning, ground teams resumed the search, along with members from nine other organizations . . .

ation helicopter from Rapid City Regional Hospital landed about a half mile up the gully and transported the man to the hospital.

Wing members participating in the search were: Senior members Maj. Rodney DeWeese and Ron Mele, Sgt. Steve Silvernagel, and Michael Merxbauer; and cadets Maj. B.J. Danforth, 1st Lt. Colleen Desmond, 2nd Lt. Brittany Ray, Tech. Sgt. Heliena Schaub, Airmen First Class Kristopher Klunder, Loren Scabub and Jon Mele, and Airmen Aaron Marple, Lee Schaub and Cody Silvernagel.

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ness, and cadet programs," said Rowland. "We also discussed the integration of CAP strategy into the 'big picture' strategic plan currently in place for the Air Force."

As a result, the group was able to define anticipated CAP roles in several critical areas and outline work still remaining to be done.

Attending the retreat were: Bowling; Air Force Brig. Gen. Dave Clary, director of the Air Force Homeland Security Directorate; Air Force Col. Rich Anderson, chief of the Air Force Auxiliary Division under the Air Force Directorate of Homeland Security and former CAP national commander; Air Force Maj. James I. Macko, deputy chief of the Air Force Auxiliary Division; Col. Al Allenback, executive director at CAP National Headquarters; Air Force Col. George Vogt, commander of CAP-U.S. Air Force; Col. Larry Kauffman, CAP national chief of staff; Col. Rick Greenhut, Northeast Region commander; Col. Charlie Glass, Middle East Region vice commander; Col. Bill Charles, Great Lakes Region commander; Col. Tony Pineda, Southeast Region commander; Col. Rex Glasgow, North Central Region commander; Col. Tom Todd, Southwest Region commander; Col. Lynda Robinson, Rocky Mountain Region commander; Col. Don Angel, Mississippi Wing commander; Col. Mike Flynn, New Jersey Wing commander; and Rowland.

CISM best approach to dealing with post-trauma emotions

Editor's note: This article was co-written by Lt. Col Sherry Jones, special advisor to the Civil Air Patrol national commander for critical incident stress management and director of the CISM program for the Great Lakes Region, and Maj. (Dr.) Carl Jylland-Halvorsen, assistant director of the CISM program for the Great Lakes Region.

Critical incident stress management is a comprehensive, multifaceted, systematic approach to dealing with the emotional aftermath of trauma. It focuses on the normal reactions emergency services workers may have to abnormal events, which include prolonged rescues, emotionally charged or multiple casualty incidents, and operations with intense news coverage.

CISM was first developed in the military to assist combatants who experienced stressors return to their level of functioning as quickly as possible and to assist them in avoiding the development of post-traumatic stress disorder. The procedures were then standardized by Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell and are used by police, fire fighters, EMS and ER personnel.

CISM is a structured educational group process that allows members to share their experiences, identify their symptoms, learn what to expect and how to deal effectively with the stress. The process is not psychotherapy.

The Michigan Wing was the first to have a CISM team, initially addressing critical incident stress because of their involvement with the

worst air disaster in Michigan history, the crash of Northwest Flight 255 on Aug. 16, 1987.

On that fated day, as the McDonnell Douglas MD80 left Detroit Metro Airport en route to Phoenix, its wing struck two light poles, slashed the roof edge of an Avis car-rental building and then slammed into the ground in a huge fireball. The crash killed 154 people on board and two on the ground; there was one survivor.

CAP was intimately involved in the operations of Flight 255, and found that many of its members had trouble dealing emotionally with

When an intervention is required, timing is critical. In this case, the event occurred on March 10, and a call for services went out to region CIS team director Lt. Col. Jones on March 11. By that afternoon, Jones put together a team of mental health professionals from Indiana, including Maj. (Dr.) Carl Jylland-Halvorsen and a peer from Kentucky, Capt. Kevin Fosberg.

The debriefing had 27 members in attendance, not including the team. Further, they had the active on-site support of Indiana Wing Commander Col. Glenn Kavich, Great Lakes Region Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Bruce Mahaffey, and both LOs from the Indiana and Kentucky wings.

Because of the number of members to be debriefed, Lt. Col. Jones contacted the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board, who provided an additional Mental Health Professional — Dr. Rodney Young is a licensed clinical psychologist with extensive experience in debriefings.

Dr. Young functioned as the teams lead mental health professional and easily earned the trust of the squadron and support of the team. Both Dr. Young and Dr. Jylland-Halvorsen are also members of the American Red Cross and served in New York at "Ground Zero."

The team quickly became a cohesive unit, and Dr. Young was so impressed with the cadets, seniors, CIS Team and the program, he has agreed to become a CAP member. At the end of the night, Col. Kavich told the team members the whole process was "seamless," which is a testimony to the hard work and dedication of all involved.

ICISF labels CISM as an "early intervention strategy, often employed within hours of the traumatizing event." Involving a CIS team early on allows them to assist the membership from becoming a second set of victims of trauma.

Time is a crucial element for successful intervention, and it has been proven repeatedly that timely intervention reduces the effects of emotional trauma, assisting the members to understand their experience and share their feelings with their co-members.

We, as members, are CAP's most precious commodities. Through CISM, we have been given a way to take care of each other, and ourselves.

For more information on CISM in CAP, please visit the Great Lakes Region CISM Web site at <http://glr.cap.gov/cism> or contact your wing/region CIS team chief. If your team chief is unknown to you or CISM has not yet been established in your area, I would be happy to answer any questions. I can be reached at cism@cap.gov.

Additionally, for current information on CISM and to find local contacts, check the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's Web site at www.icisf.org. CAPR 60-5 can be found at http://capnhq.gov/documents/webregulations/R060_005.pdf.

COMMENTARY

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what they had experienced, and ultimately became inactive. Of those who remained in the program, many have never spoken of that crash scene, finding it too painful to discuss even years later.

In 1998, the CAP National Board unanimously accepted the proposal to recognize CISM by then Michigan Wing Commander Col. William S. Charles and the former CAP-U.S. Air Force chaplain, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ken Colton.

The national board's recognition of CISM as the standard of care for emergency workers resulted in the formation of a plan to integrate the program in CAP's emergency services operations nationally. That plan was released to the membership in 2001, as CAP Regulation 60-5.

Recognizing the membership as CAP's most valuable asset, CAP has adopted the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's Crisis Intervention Program. The Great Lakes Region was the first to have a full complement of mental health professionals and peers on their team, and is expanding their influence toward assisting the rest of the nation in training and forming teams of their own.

The Michigan Wing sponsored their second Basic CISM course in November 2001. It was taught by Sr. Mbr. Marilyn Knight, who has a masters degree in social works, and Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, a registered nurse and the special advisor to the CAP national commander for CISM. The two trained more than 50 members from five states.

One example of CIS team activity occurred in March 2002 when the Indiana Wing called upon the Great Lakes Region for help. The details of the intervention are confidential; therefore, the unit and people involved will remain anonymous.

CISM was first developed in the military to assist combatants who experienced stressors to return to their level of functioning as quickly as possible and to assist them in avoiding the development of post-traumatic stress disorder. The procedures were then standardized by Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell and are used by police, fire fighters, EMS and ER personnel.



2002 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING & RETENTION CAMPAIGN

RECRUITMENT ✪ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

RETENTION ✪ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

Contest Rules

- 1) Individual prizes are based on new members recruited.
- 2) Squadron prizes are based on number of members eligible for renewal at April 1, 2002, who are retained during the campaign.
- 3) Recruiting credit will be given only for individuals recruited as "new members".
- 4) In the event of a tie for recruiting or retention awards, the tie will be broken by a drawing at National Headquarters.
- 5) Membership applications must be signed by the new member, unit commander and processed between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003. Membership renewals must be processed between April 1, 2002, and March 31, 2003. (The retention campaign actually runs until June 30, 2003, so that all of those whose renewal date runs through March 31 can be captured in the report. There is a 90-day grace period in which they can renew.)
- 6) The individual listed as recruiter must be a member in good standing at the close of the campaign to qualify for prizes.
- 7) Only one member will be credited for recruiting the new member. The member's name, charter number and CAPID must appear on the membership application for (CAP Form 12 or 15). To ensure proper credit, make sure your name, charter number and CAPID are correct.
- 8) Applications returned by CAP National Headquarters for incorrect or inadequate information cannot be considered unless they are corrected and processed prior to March 31, 2003. Therefore recruiters should carefully screen the application to ensure all information is present and correct. National Headquarters cannot accept telephone calls as a way to add recruiters to forms already received.
- 9) Members recruited, but found to be ineligible for membership, will not be considered. "Pooling" recruiting efforts is not permitted. For example, no member may take credit for a new member recruited by someone else.
- 10) Only the recruitment of regular active senior and cadet members will count toward the total number and awarding of individual prizes.
- 11) The percentage of total squadron membership retained will count toward the awarding of squadron prizes.
- 12) Anyone receiving payment for recruiting either senior or cadet members from any organization including CAP's Middle School Initiative Program are disqualified from the awarding of any prizes.
- 13) CAP National Headquarters will maintain a record of all new members and their recruiters. Winners will be announced as soon as possible after the close of the campaign.

Membership campaign update

The 2002 Membership Recruiting and Retention Campaign has produced the 14th consecutive month of growth for CAP. CAP membership reached 62,974 for the month of November. That places the membership total at its highest since 1989!

With 14 consecutive months of membership growth, it is clear everyone is working hard and making a difference. With homeland security on the not-so-distant horizon, we will need to recruit and retain as many members as possible. CAP is poised for greatness and more national recognition. We just have to make sure we have all the personnel we need to complete the missions.

Remember — retention is the most critical part of membership development. CAP had 1,728 new members during December, but only had a net increase of 45 members. Tremendous recruiting efforts will not produce positive membership growth if we continually lose members through attrition. We are currently taking actions to measure retention and attrition rates at squadrons, and surveying non-renewals to determine why they're leaving.

During the yearlong campaign that kicked-off April 1, we will be tracking the retention of those individuals in the squadron at the start date (those who were eligible to renew as of April 1, 2002). For the retention portion of the campaign, the following is a list of what will and will not count against a squadron with regard to retention:

✦ The following **will count** against a squadron: Voluntary resignation of member; loss of interest by member; and members who do not renew and allow membership to expire.

✦ The following **will not count** against a squadron: Death of a member; transfers (does not count for or against either squadron); and for cause (derogatory termination by CAP, which includes the writing of bad checks).

Lastly, please don't forget to send in descriptions of any successful recruiting and retention activities your squadron or wing has done! The "Best Practices Handbook" will be very beneficial to new squadrons or any squadron struggling with recruiting. Send your inputs to Robin Hunt, chief of Membership Development, to rhunt@capnhq.gov or mail or via U.S. mail at: Robin Hunt, Membership Development, CAP National Headquarters, 105 South Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Recruiting awards

The following prizes will be sent for members who recruit:

- ✓ 5 new members - Recruiting Excellence golf shirt for senior members and T-shirt for cadet members;
- ✓ 10 new members - \$50 gift certificate to CAP Supply Depot or Bookstore;
- ✓ 25 new members - \$100 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore; and
- ✓ 50+ new members - \$200 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore;

Grand prizes will be given at the end of the campaign. Grand-prize winners will be determined by a drawing of all members having recruited a new member throughout the year. Prizes are as follows:

- ✓ Grand prize (senior): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare, room and board at the 2003 CAP National Board and Annual Conference; and
- ✓ Grand prize (cadet): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare and room and board to a national CAP event to be determined.

Retention awards

The squadron with the highest retention in each region for the year — award is a \$500 cash prize for each squadron.

All prizes will be presented at the 2003 CAP National Board Meeting and Annual Conference.

'Eagle Look': Purpose was to assess our effectiveness

In December, at CAP National Headquarters, I met with Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, Air Force Vice chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. David E. Clary, Air Force director for Homeland Security, and other Air Force senior leaders to review the report of the Air Force Inspection Agency's special review of Civil Air Patrol.

This report, titled "Eagle Look," assessed how effectively CAP carried out its mission as the auxiliary of the Air Force. Many of you may have heard of this review, as the Air Force team spent several months at our national headquarters and visited a few wings interviewing and reviewing the policies and guidance of our programs.

I am pleased to report to you our work as the Air Force auxiliary is relevant and valued by the Air Force. The fact that General Foglesong took time from his schedule to host the review and bring the major players together speaks volumes to his commitment

to strengthen the ties between our two organizations.

Are there areas that can be improved? Of course, but that is what a special review should accomplish — identify the strengths and highlight the opportunities.



NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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CAP has had several outside-agency assessments over the last several years. We have gone through significant organizational changes in response to those assessments, and our efforts are paying bonus dividends.

We are stronger today than we were 10 years ago, and I view this "Eagle Look" report as a road map that will guide CAP and the Air Force closer together. It will also

strengthen CAP's role in the Air Force homeland security mission.

The "Eagle Look" report addressed our Cooperative Agreement, Statement of Work, Policy and Guidance, CAP organizational structure, and CAP-U.S. Air Force oversight. The majority of these areas have little effect on how we accomplish our missions at the wing and squadron level.

I am proud of the dedication and expertise of our members, and so is the Air Force leadership. However, these issues are important on raising the bar on those overhead issues, such as how we receive our funding, stewardship of those funds and resources, and the trust needed with the Air Force to broaden our homeland security missions.

We have already answered many of the issues and are working jointly with our Air Force counterparts to tackle the remaining few.

I told you how proud I am of your dedication and here is the reason why. In preparing for this meeting on "Eagle Look," I made the following assessment of CAP's effectiveness and I wanted to share it with you — it speaks to the heart of our relevance.

CAP effectiveness

What follows are the CAP-effectiveness bullets I put together.

- ☞ Averaged 85 lives saved for the past five years
- ☞ Performed 93% of missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
- ☞ Moved to new technologies "beyond the eyeball," such as hyperspectral, night-vision and thermal imaging
- ☞ Activities after "9/11"
 - Aircraft in the air within six hours
 - 8,700 members mobilized, and 450 staffed regional and emergency operations centers
 - ☞ Activated during Olympics/Paralympics
 - 530 hours flown, and one law enforcement action generated per day
 - 250 members sustained

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mission for six weeks

- ☞ Responsive — half of all sorties redirected en route
 - ☞ Communications network — largest civilian network
 - ☞ Counterdrug — Discovery/seizure of \$804 million and 477 arrests
 - ☞ 3,450 Air Force ROTC orientation missions
 - ☞ Safety for last five years — CAP's aircraft accident rate average was 3.81, versus general aviation's at 6.91
 - ☞ 26,000 cadets "citizen-build" each year
 - 8-10% in U.S. Air Force Academy classes
 - 4% higher U.S. Air Force Academy graduation rate over other entries
 - 7,200 cadets achieved first-flight experience last year
 - ☞ Earned AFA's Vandenberg award for aerospace education excellence
 - ☞ Aerospace outreach in classrooms — 300,000 youth
 - ☞ Most Aerospace Education-comprehensive textbook in nation;
 - ☞ Largest volunteer chaplain service in the world
 - CAP Chaplain Service supports the Air Force and local communities with military funerals, augmenting base chapels and emergency services missions
 - ☞ In many communities, with 1,650 units nationwide, CAP is only Air Force presence
- Truly an astounding list of our abilities and effectiveness as an organization! However, we must keep up the good work, especially in light of the fact that we are growing stronger and more important in today's society. Semper vigilans!



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Rendezvous with time unspent

Welcome to the initial chaplain's column of the *Civil Air Patrol News* for 2003. We are in a new cycle of 12 months, and what are our plans to exploit the time for the common good of God and country — for the common good of ordinary Americans — for the common good of our beloved CAP?

The old cycle of 12 — Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2002, is gone. We had a rendezvous with the old cycle of 12 and we figured prominently in establishing its "dash." In fact, its "dash" is virtually our "dash" — the time of our collective living and the input of our individual life for wheel or for woe during the course of the 365 days that lay between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

The following words from a poem by John Gillespie Magee Jr., recently shared with me by Chaplain Thomas C. Jackson of the New Mexico Wing, provides a daunting expression of the "dash" that emerges from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31: "Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of, wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung my craft through footless halls of air. Up, up the long delirious burning blue, I've topped the wind swept height with easy grace, where never lark or even eagle flew . . ."

The part of the poem that captures my imagination is the line that reads, ". . . and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of." This is a challenge both to do and to dare to doubt (in a positive sense) — to doubt there is anything doable that I cannot do. To doubt that there are things yet undreamed of — unthought of — that, when finally thought of, I cannot do.

To hold in a balanced tension the intrigue created by the inspired wisdom of the Christian writer Saint Paul that led him to verbalize,

"I can do all things through the one who enables me."

One problem confronts us. A problem that's always there: Prioritizing. What to do first and how best to do it in a way that optimizes the expenditure of time and energy.

This was no problem for the ancient Hebrews. God clarified to

2003? Yes! In a word, ethics is basically a theory of action, and it deals with philosophical problems that inhere human conduct.

Someone said that ethics is a near pragmatic ethos in that it deals with things that arise out of the practice of human conduct. In one sense, this concept impacts dramatically the whole of interactive humanity: my activity/conduct in your presence and yours in my presence.

The ethical demand is for decision based on choice, and, in this sense, it is rooted in eclecticism, in that choice presupposes alternatives. The white heat of ethics is seen in the fact that an ethical decision in one

instance may call for a modification of a position taken earlier in another situation. Here and elsewhere my thinking is intimately influenced by the thoughts of Carl Wellman as outlined in his book, *Morals and Ethics*.

We live in a world of change. How often have we heard this expression? And having heard it, how often have we taken note of its reality relatedness?

Honesty is the magnet that is the determinator in every situation that calls for the modification of a position previously taken. And if ethics is not "shut out" of the decision-making process, it will unlock the door of reason and make it possible for reason — for reasonable people — to decide on the basis of what's best for all persons involved. It makes it possible for the person in the process of becoming a leader, in a given setting in life, to elect to "be" for the betterment of another.

At this writing, we are well on our way to our rendezvous with time as yet unspent: 2003's 12 months of this precious commodity, 365 days of this precious commodity, 8,760 hours of this precious commodity of time, as yet, unspent.

Balanced by ethics, and garbed in justice, mercy and humility, we can, together, accomplish our missions for America with aplomb — whatever those missions might be, and with God's help.



FOCUS ON SERVICE

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them from one of the four great mountain peaks of spiritual attainment (each of which demands ethical participation), "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God [Micah 6.8]."

Three primal aspects of relationship are set forth in this great mountain peak of spiritual attainment and merit our continuous consideration. They are justice, kindness and humility. When these are up front, in any undertaking, evidence is at hand the deed doer is operating at a level of ethical consciousness and spiritual involvement. The doer is not a mere perfunctory participant. The doer is a "soul" participant involved in making decisions in advance of every action, and the world of thought is the milieu of that action.

At a very basic level, the demand imposed on us is for ethical conduct in our rendezvous with time yet unspent — our rendezvous with service and duty in the 12 months of 2003 that lie ahead. This is a very basic concern of our CAP national commander, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling. It is his position that lives balanced by ethical considerations are lives that serve in spirit and in truth.

Ethics as our path across the 12 months of time as yet unspent in

CAP Inspector General points of contact

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In case of a complaint or grievance, members should Consult CAP Regulation 123-2 and try to resolve it at the lowest appropriate level.

Questions or problems may be brought to the attention of any of the people listed below.

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Driving most dangerous thing we do each day

We typically drive every day — many of us from the moment we earned our learner's permit at 15 or 16. And typically, we all tend to take the driving routine for granted, in spite of the fact that driving is the most dangerous thing we do each day!

When we take driving for granted, we become complacent when it comes to driving safety. And this complacency is clearly evident when you look at the high accident rate on America's streets and highways.

So what can we do to fight off complacency and avoid an accident?

Pre-trip inspection

As pilots in Civil Air Patrol, we do not question the wisdom of a preflight inspection. Yet, every day, most of us run out to the car, hop in and drive away without a thought to inspecting our vehicle before we start the car.

A pre-trip inspection is required before we drive off on a CAP activity. This pre-trip inspection reminds us that even though the cars and trucks of today are quite reliable, we still have to check tire inflation, oil levels, radiator fluid levels, lights, backing-up alarms, wiper blades and other items that wear out with time.

As part of the pre-trip inspection, we need to be sure we have a first aid kit, road safety kit with flares, battery cables (for jump starting), a properly inflated spare tire, flashlight and a charged fire extinguisher on board. A small folding shovel, sand or cat litter, ice scraper and blankets are also recommended in areas where ice and snow are encountered.

Check the vehicle logs to confirm that oil changes and other maintenance has been performed. Any "squawks" should be corrected before carrying passengers or driving anywhere except to the repair shop.

Part of your pre-trip should include mapping out your route of travel. Know where you are going so you do not make abrupt lane changes, which could result in an accident. Wear the proper clothing for your trip and for the season. Your vehicle could break down and, if help does not arrive quickly, you could be exposed to the elements for an extended period of time before help arrives.

Start your trip with a full tank of gas or make your first stop a gas station. That way, if you are stuck in traffic, you are less likely to run out of fuel while waiting for traffic to clear.

Driving environment

All passengers must buckle up. Not only is it the law, but it has also been proven time and time again that **seat belts save lives**. Small

children must be in the proper restraints and in the back seat if possible.

Especially when driving a van full of passengers, have a responsible person sit up front to read the map and handle the radio so the driver

of heavy rain or standing water. Many people are killed each year trying to cross water-covered roads only to be swept away by the swift currents and possibly drowned before reaching a safe haven.

In areas where the temperatures go below freezing, be aware of the potential for ice on bridges and overpasses. The roads leading to and from a bridge may be clear, but overpasses ice up and present a real hazard.

Take time in good weather to become familiar with driving a passenger van, especially if you normally drive a smaller vehicle. Big vans do not turn tight around corners, they do not accelerate as quickly as many small vehicles, and they do not stop as quickly, especially when heavily loaded.

Vans also roll over more easily if the steering wheel is jerked around. So, do not follow other vehicles too close or put yourself in a position that requires rapid maneuvers. On the plus side, you have a good view of the road ahead because of the higher seating.

Drive defensively

Approach traffic lights and intersections with caution. I see more drivers than ever speeding through on a yellow light that turns red before they are completely through the intersection. Be aware of big-truck blind spots. If you stay in a blind spot for too long while passing, the driver may lose track of you and start to pull into your lane. Don't get hung up on which driver is right or wrong — much better to yield to a careless driver than be dead right.

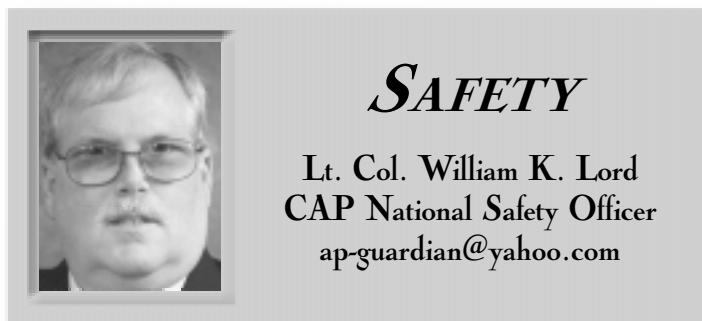
Parking lot scrapes

CAP suffers a lot of scrapes and dings in parking lots. Plan ahead — back into a parking spot using spotters to help keep you clear of other vehicles, guard rails and posts. Backing in means that, when it is time to leave, you can pull out with less chance of a "fender bender."

Anytime you have to back out of an area or into a parking spot, try to do one of two things — use spotters, as mentioned above, or stop, get out and walk completely around your vehicle to look for potential trouble spots.

Be aware of the higher clearance required when parking or driving a CAP van. You may not be able to park the van in certain parking garages. When in doubt, stop and evaluate the situation before continuing.

The freedom to drive when and where we want carries great responsibility, especially when cadets are on board. Take time to prepare properly and drive safely.



SAFETY

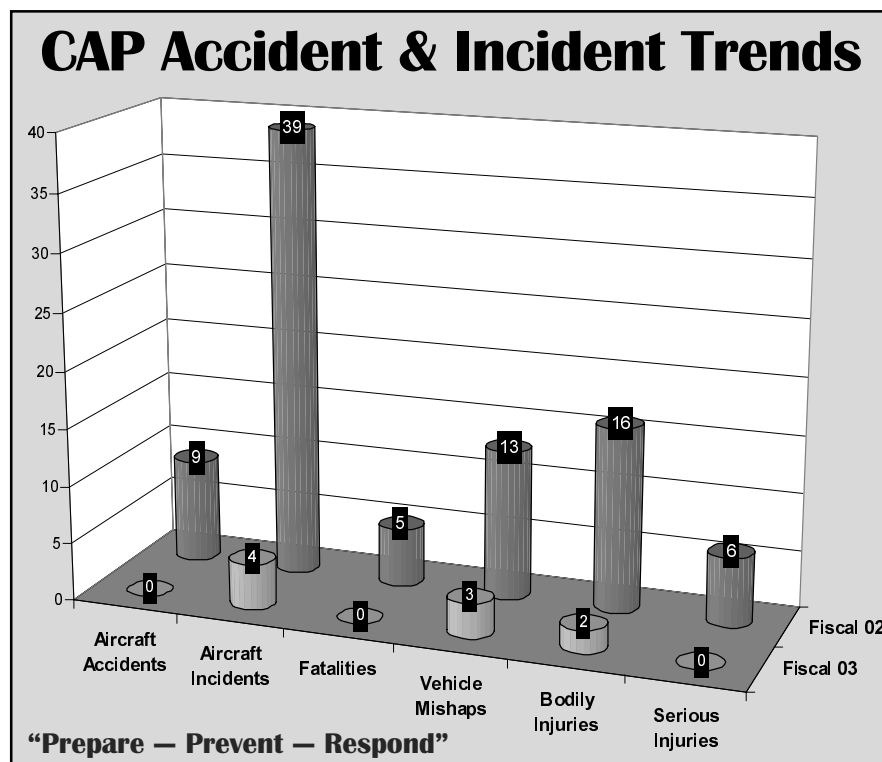
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can concentrate on driving. Keep distractions to a minimum particularly in heavy traffic and constructions zones. If your passengers become too rowdy, find a safe place to pull over and deal with the problem.

Rules of the road

When driving, we need to obey posted traffic signs. The posted speed limit is set for driving under ideal conditions — dry road and daylight. Reduce your speed in rain, snow, ice and fog. In these conditions, your ability to stop is poor compared to ideal conditions.

Be especially cautious when driving in areas



Vaccine preventable diseases: Are you up to date?

Since vaccines for many illnesses have been routinely given, people rarely become sick with deadly diseases, such as polio, tetanus (also known as lockjaw) and measles.

Boosters need to be given every few years for some vaccines, such as tetanus, to maintain protection. Other vaccines have now become available, which you may consider receiving.

Ground team members may want protection from lyme disease or hepatitis B. Cadets should check to see if they are due for any immunizations given in the teen years. Cadets in their freshman year of college who are living in dormitories may want to consider the meningitis vaccine.

Any member with chronic health problems or who is over the age of 65 should consider the pneumococcal or flu vaccines. Vaccine requirements vary by state and area, so ask your doctor what your needs are.

Vaccines are made from inactivated or killed viruses and bacteria or protein fragments, and are injected into the body. The immune system responds by making antibodies to get rid of the invading organisms and prevent infection.

Vaccines are safe and well tolerated for most. The risk of serious complications are small and outweighed by the risk of getting the disease.

Tetanus


Tetanus is a nervous system disease caused by toxins from bacteria. The bacteria enters a break in the skin contaminated with dirt or other substances. In addition to puncture wounds and lacerations, tetanus can infect eye abrasions and injuries caused by burns and frost-bite.

Tetanus symptoms include muscle stiffness that begins in the jaw and spreads to the rest of the body, muscle spasms and seizures. Ten percent of victims die. Boosters are given every 10 years, with most teenagers due for boosters. For eye injuries, deep puncture wounds, serious wounds or those that are

contaminated or need stitches, you should get a booster if it has been over five years since your last vaccination.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a virus that attacks the liver and causes yellow jaundice of the skin, fatigue, nausea and vomiting and over 5,000 deaths



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per year. Some victims develop a chronic infection that can cause cirrhosis, liver failure, or cancer and remain contagious for life. The virus is transmitted through contact with blood, sexual contact or contaminated needles. Vaccination is now required in many states in order to enter school, and is encouraged for all 18 years of age and younger as well as any adults at high risk

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is a virus causes an acute liver infection, jaundice, fatigue, nausea and vomiting. Some die from liver failure. Hepatitis A disease is worse in adults. Hepatitis A infection comes from contaminated water or food and can also be transmitted by close personal contact, exposure to stool, sexual exposure and needle sharing. Rates of Hepatitis A are highest in the South and Western U.S. High risk people that should be vaccinated include sewage workers, day care workers, those with chronic liver disease or who travel to third-world countries. Some states require this for school children.

Influenza (Flu)

Influenza is more dangerous than the common cold or flu and is very contagious. It can cause pneumonia. Over 20,000 people die from Influenza each winter. High risk persons are over age 50 or with

chronic medical conditions (cardiac, lung-including asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, cancer). The vaccine must be given yearly as it is changed based on the anticipated viral strains. Sorry, the vaccine doesn't protect you from the common cold or flu! Now is the time for vaccinations, especially for high-risk people, but also for healthy people who don't want to get sick.

Meningococcal meningitis

Meningitis is a severe illness with a high fever, headache, stiff neck, light sensitivity, nausea, vomiting and confusion. A spinal tap is required to diagnose this illness, which can be fatal in 10-

15% of cases despite antibiotics. Survivors can have brain damage or seizures. At Highest risk are military recruits and freshmen college students living in dormitories, due to crowding. This vaccine is given to every military recruit and academy cadet. Freshman college students who live in dorms should also consider getting this vaccine.

Pneumococcal disease

This bacterial illness can cause pneumonia, meningitis, blood stream infections, as well as ear and sinus infections. Over 40,000 people die each year from this, especially the elderly and high risk (up to 40% death rate in this group). Adults over 65 and those with chronic cardiac, lung, liver, kidney disease, diabetes, cancer and those with spleen disease or immune compromised should be vaccinated.

Chicken pox (varicella)

A vaccine is now available to prevent chicken pox. Most of the time it causes a fever and rash, but has the potential to cause a severe pneumonia and death, especially for those who become sick as a teenager or adult. If you are an adult or

teenager who has never had chicken pox, the vaccine is recommended.

Smallpox

Although small pox was eliminated in 1978, there is concern that stocks of the virus could fall into terrorist hands. The disease causes fevers, headache, body aches and a severe rash with death occurring in 30% of individuals. Those vaccinated in the past are no longer immune, but might get a milder form of the disease if infected. Vaccinations will again be given soon, first on a small scale to selected first responders and health workers and perhaps on a wider scale in the future. In case of an outbreak, everyone in the area will be immunized.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria transmitted by tick bites. Initially, victims get a flu-like illness with a characteristic rash. Untreated, the disease can have chronic effects on the heart, joints and nervous system. The ticks that cause the disease are found in grassy or wooded locations where white-tailed deer live. Most U.S. cases occur in NY, CT, PA, NJ, WI, RI, MD, MA, MN and DE, as well as some on the West Coast. If you live in or visit one of the high-risk areas, consider getting the Lyme vaccine.

Check with your doctor and get up to date. After all, an "ouch" of prevention is worth a pound of cure! For more information check: www.cdc.gov/nip.

Editor's note: Col. (Dr.) Kay McLaughlin is an internal medicine physician and

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CAP National Staff College

What: The Civil Air Patrol National Staff College is the executive-level in-residence course for senior members who aspire to executive level leadership in CAP. The purpose of the college is to provide CAP field grade officers the types of developmental experiences required to manage complex programs. The curriculum includes advanced studies in communications, leadership and management. The faculty is composed of CAP personnel, Air Force Reserve officers and faculty members of various Air University professional military education schools.

Who: Attendees must hold the rank of major and above, and have attended Region Staff College. Commanders at all levels are especially encouraged to apply.

When: Sept. 20-27 (The 20th and 27th are travel days only).

Where: Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, AL.

How: Registration fee T BA. Billeting and meals at Gunter Annex at individuals' expense. Applicants should refer to Paragraphs 2-7b and 7-2 of CAPR 50-17 for details. Forward CAP Form 17 through unit and wing (region staff members only, need region commander endorsement) for endorsement by each, to CAP National Headquarters/ETP, 105 S. Hansell St., Bldg.714, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332 Aug. 15.

Web site: www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AE_Web_Page/CAP_National_Staff_College.htm

2003 Senior Member Activity Schedule

Region Staff College

What: Region Staff College is a formal in-residence program required for completion of Level IV. The purpose of each college is to help prepare selected CAP officers to execute duties and responsibilities associated with executive-level CAP command and staff positions. Courses include lectures and seminars covering interpersonal communications, leadership and management, and training techniques.

Who: CAP officers who have completed Level III and who hold command or staff positions.

Northeast Region Staff College

Director: Col. Bryan Cooper
45 Griffith Dr., Riverside, RI 02915-2414
Phone: (401) 433-4755; Fax - (401)433-4755
E-mail: bryanwc@juno.com

When/Where: July 13-19, NCO Academy, McGuire AFB, NJ

How: Apply through channels on CAPF 17. Registration is \$30 — make check payable to NER-CAP or your wing headquarters for approval, then forward to NERSC director by June 1. Billeting at NCO Academy dorms \$24.50/day (at the moment). One person to a room. Meals at Falcon dining hall are \$5-8.

Southeast Region Staff College

POC: Lt. Col. Kay Cunningham
12650 NE 42nd Terrace, Anthony, FL 32617
Phone: (352) 840-0164
E-mail: kcunningham@juno.com

When/Where: July 19-26, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN

How: Apply on CAPF 17 through channels. Send \$50 fee with application to the Southeast Region Headquarters no later than June 21. Fee for applications submitted after deadline is \$75.

Great Lakes Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Richard Neuwirth
5332 Moser Rd., Route 3, Defiance, OH 43512
Phone: (419) 497-3880

When/Where: July 27-Aug. 2, Grissom AFB, IN

How: Apply on CAPF 17. One copy through channels to the Great Lakes Region Headquarters. Fees to be announced.

Middle East Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Roy Douglass
8505 Hopkins Rd., Rougemont, NC 27572
Phone: Hm - (919) 643-1509 (after 5:30 p.m. weekdays)
E-mail: team99rvn@mindspring.com;

Roy.Douglass@verizon.com

When/Where: June 22-28, Peace College, Raleigh, NC (tentative)

How: Submit CAPF 17 through channels to Middle East Region Headquarters. Include \$25 deposit with application — balance due before arrival. Total registration fee TBA. Please send in staff applications by March 20 and student applications no later than May 22.

North Central Region Staff College

Director: Col. Mary F. Donley
606 East 28th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Phone: (605)334-7797; Fax - (605)367-4871
E-mail: mfdonley@aol.com

When/Where: Dates TBA, Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE

How: Submit CAP Form 17 through channels. Include \$65 deposit payable to NCR-CAP to course director. Lodging space-available on base.

Rocky Mountain Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Philip J. Biersdorfer
P.O. Box 154, Gypsum, CO 81637
Phone: (970) 524-9478; Fax - (970) 524-5248
E-mail: pjb-tlb-n312@juno.com

When/Where: April 5-12, Peterson AFB, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO.

How: Submit CAP Form 17 to: Lt. Col. Robert Cook, CAP RMR DCS/Professional Development, Box 189, Frisco, CO 80443. E-mail rcalc@juno.com by the June 11. Total fee is \$135. Submit \$40 deposit with application — make check out to RMR Staff College.

Pacific Region Staff College

POC: Lt. Col. Lori Duffy
4906 SE Harrison, Portland, OR 97215
Phone: (503) 235-2156
E-mail: lorid@katu.com

When/Where: May 17-23, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV

How: Submit CAP Form 17 through channels with \$40 registration fee to above address by April 1.

Southwest Region Staff College

Director: Maj. Margo Sothard
7111 N. 75th Ave. #2136, Glendale, AZ 85303-2510
Phone: Hm - (623) 915-1846 or Wk - (602) 322-8813
E-mail: magoo@caradoc.org

When/Where: July 12-20, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM

How: Apply through channels on CAP Form 17. Send \$25 deposit with application to address above no later than June 15.

Inland SAR Planner Course

What: A five-day course conducted by the staff of the National SAR School to enhance the professionalism of CAP mission coordinators. The curriculum includes all aspects of organization, planning, communications and operations involving inland search and rescue.

Who: All operationally oriented senior members may apply, but preference will be given to current mission commanders or trainees. If a member has attended previously, but not recently (within the last three to four years), he or she can attend as a refresher. Preference will be given to personnel who have never attended.

When: The following fiscal 2003 classes still have openings. Additional information and new courses are released in the quarterly *Ops Brief Newsletter*.

<u>Course Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>App Deadline</u>
April 7-11	Boise, ID	Feb. 20
April 28-May 3	Knoxville, TN	March 13
May 19-23	Fayetteville, AK	April 3
2-6 June 2003	USCG Tracen Yorktown, VA	April 17
Aug. 4-8	USCG Tracen Yorktown, VA	June 19

How: Apply through channels on CAPF 17 to CAP National Headquarters, CAP/DOS, Bldg. 714, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332. The application deadline is normally 45 days prior to school start date. If you have any questions, please contact the Emergency Services staff at CAP National Headquarters via e-mail at dos@capnhq.gov or fax at (334) 953-6342.

Air Force Rescue Coordination Center SAR Management Course

What: A two-day AFRCC-conducted course designed for Civil Air Patrol Incident Commanders and other Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue personnel. Covers all facets of inland search and rescue.

Who: Each CAP region or wing hosting the course determines eligibility.

When/ Where: Courses are typically hosted by a local wing or region and announced locally.

How: Apply through channels on a CAPF 17 to the host wing or region at least 45 days in advance.

Web site: www.acc.af.mil/afrc

National Emergency Services Academy

What: This special activity gives hundreds of members the opportunity to train in Emergency Services qualifications at a National Headquarters certified courses. All courses are held at Camp Atterbury, just 35 miles south of Indianapolis, Indiana. Qualified CAP, USAF, and industry experts will conduct the courses. Housing and meals are provided at Camp Atterbury for all participants. The academy is offering several courses this year in the National Ground Search and Rescue School, Mission Base Staff School and Mission Aircrew School. The following is a summary of the courses in each school with prerequisites.

NGSAR - Two basic courses will be conducted to train personnel to become ground team members as well as two advanced courses to train personnel to become ground team leaders. Senior members interested in attending must have completed general emergency services training. The Advanced course requires basic course completion (or equivalent). It is recommended that personnel applying to the Advanced Course be current in advanced first aid (this training is available during the pre-course sessions). All NGSAR participants will spend the majority of the course in the field and will be required to sleep in survival shelters or tents during several of the school's exercises and training missions.

MBSS - One basic course will be held this year that will focus in training entry level mission base staff personnel to be mission radio operators, staff assistants, unit leaders and branch directors, including ICS 200 level training. Additionally, one advanced course will be conducted to train section chiefs, the command and general staff, and incident commanders including ICS 300 and 400 level training. Applicants for the basic course must have completed general emergency services training. Applicants for the advanced course must be graduates of the MBSS basic course or have equivalent training.

MAS - This course will be conducted in two tracks: mission scanner/observer and mission pilot. All training will cover the requirements for aircrew members as established in the current emergency services regulations. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the course, have completed general emergency services training, and will include a copy of the last six months of their flight logs with their application if applicable. Personnel applying for the mission pilot track must also include a copy of their most current CAPF 5 with their application, and will be required to have a current CAPF 5 on arrival at the school.

When & How Much: (Optional Pre-courses: July 21 - 26, \$Varies from \$40 to \$100)

(Basic NGSAR: July 20 - 26 & Jul 27 - Aug 2, \$150)

(Advanced NGSAR: July 20 - 26 & Jul 27 - Aug 2, \$150)

(Basic MBSS: July 20 - 26, \$150)

(Advanced MBSS: Jul 27 - Aug 2, \$150)

(MAS - Mission Scanner/Observer Track or Mission Pilot Track: Jul 25 - Aug 2, \$150)

(NESA Staff: Dates vary from 17 July to 4 August depending on staff assignment, \$40)

How: Apply through channels on a CAPF 31 to National Headquarters CAP/DOS, Bldg. 714, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112-6332. Slots are assigned on a first come, first served basis for senior students, and staff members are selected on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact the Academy Director, Maj. Gary Brockman, via phone at 317-897-4598 or via e-mail at pathfinder@tcon.net, or the project officer, Major Joe Curry, via phone at 334-953-4228 or via e-mail at jcurry@capnhq.gov. Personnel interested in attending more than one course at the National Emergency Services Academy in a year can do so consecutively, but must coordinate their participation with the project officer in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Federal Emergency Management Agency National Emergency Management Institute

What: Various types of emergency services courses available

Who: Any member interested in furthering their disaster relief education.

When/ Where: Home study; enroll at anytime.

How: Contact the Registrars' Office, National Emergency Management Institute, 16825 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21721, call (301) 447-6771 or look online at the address below.

What is Level One training?

Level One training provides new senior members with comprehensive information required for active membership in CAP. It consists of the CAP Orientation Course and Cadet Protection Program Training.

The Orientation Course provides an overview of CAP history, mission, organization, uniform wear,

military customs and courtesies, etc.

The Cadet Protection Program Training Course provides all senior members with awareness of child abuse, thereby reducing the potential for physical, emotional and sexual abuse of cadets. CAP requires this training for all senior members and cadets, age 18 and over.

Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Distance Learning

What: AFIADL replaces the Air Force Extension Course Institute as the correspondence school of the Air Force. Its services are available without cost to CAP members. Two broad areas of study are available: Professional military education and specialized technical courses. For CAP members, PME courses would improve knowledge of command and leadership. AFIADL's specialized courses are designed to provide training for CAP members in the performance of specialized duty.

Who: Courses are available to active senior members in good standing who have completed Level I training, as well as cadets who have achieved the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. Senior members are encouraged to enroll in courses they believe will raise their efficiency in any specialty. See CAPR 50-17 or CAPP- 8, *Unit Test Control Officer Handbook* for details.

How: Application procedures can be found in CAPP-8 or CAPR 50-17. Certain time restrictions and course-completion requirements are identified in the AFIADL catalog and in course materials provided by AFIADL. To apply, use AFIADL Form 23 (or ECI Form 23 until existing supplies are exhausted), Maxwell AFB Form 117 to apply. Submit application through unit and wing test control officers to AFIADL. The AFIADL registrar can be contacted at: HQ AU/CFR, 60 Schumacher Ave., Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6337; fax - DSN 493-8127; or Cmc1 - (334) 953-8127.

Web site: www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AE_Web_Page/SeniorTrainingnew.htm

Unit Commanders Course

What: This course is designed to give new and potential unit commanders the skills needed to be effective leaders of their units. While the course briefly reviews staff duties, the focus of the course is on how staff officers can assist the commander and what the commander can do to support them. The course also provides basic leadership and management skills unique to the command function. Attendees will learn about processes to solve problems, save time, and keep the focus on the mission.

When: Dates and locations announced annually by wing headquarters.

How: Apply on a CAPF -17 as directed by the unit.

Web site: www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AE_Web_Page/UCC_Schedule.htm

National Legal Course

Prerequisites: Current CAP Membership; completion of Level One; currently appointed as a CAP Legal Officer; approval of Wing and Region Commander, (Judges, court officers and new members may apply for a waiver). This course is given once every other year.

Points of Contact: Becky Lee, HQ CAP/GC, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332, (334) 953-6019, blee@capnhq.gov, will serve as the registrar for the college and will accept applications.

When/ Where: 16-21 September 2003, Minneapolis, MN

How: Submit your completed CAP Form 17 through the chain of command, with appropriate endorsements, to arrive at HQ CAP/GC no later than **August 12**. Registration fee TBA.

Flight Clinics

What: CAP Regions and/or Wings have considerable latitude in development of Flight Clinics. They may cosponsored by approved external sources (e.g., FAA, AOPA). Partial funding is available in accordance with CAP Regulation 50-11. Clinics must include both a ground and a flight phase. Flight Clinics are designed to increase pilot proficiency and safety consciousness.

Who: Anyone may attend, however, funding is limited to one clinic per CAP pilot per fiscal year.

How: Apply through channels on CAPF 17 to Civil Air Patrol Region or Wing Headquarters.

Squadron Leadership School

What: This course is designed to enhance a senior member's performance at the squadron level and to increase their understanding of the basic function of a squadron and how to improve squadron operations. Completion of Squadron Leadership School is necessary for completion of Level II.

Who: Senior members who have completed Level I and enrollment in one or more specialty track are eligible to attend.

When/Where: Dates and locations are announced by wing and region headquarters.

How: Apply on CAPF 17, as directed by the unit.

Web site: www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AE_Web_Page/sls_course_updates.htm

Corporate Learning Course

What: The course is part of Level III. The course is designed to explain how a wing operates in each of CAP's major mission elements and how mission support functions contribute to these mission elements. Armed with this knowledge, senior members can learn how they and their respective organizations can best support the wing and fulfill the corporate role of CAP.

Who: Eligible CAP members should attain the technician level of their specialty and attended a squadron leadership school.

When/Where: Dates and locations are announced by wing and region headquarters.

How: Apply on CAPF 17 as directed by the unit.

Web site: www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AE_Web_Page/clc_course_updates.htm

Cadet Programs Directorate releases new publications

The Civil Air Patrol National Executive Committee recently ratified CAP Regulation 52-16, *Cadet Program Management*.

The regulation becomes effective April 1, 2003.

This scheduled update of the Cadet Program's main governing directive incorporated many of our members' suggestions on ways to improve CAP's Cadet Program.

Concurrent with the updated CAPR 52-16, the cadet physical fitness program has also been revised. The new CAP Pamphlet 52-18, *Cadet Physical Fitness Program*, which supersedes CAPR 52-18, includes new resources for leaders to conduct challenging and fun fitness activities at the unit level.

Additionally, the cadet physical fitness test has been aligned with the President's Challenge – the foremost youth fitness test in the nation.

Because CAPR 52-16 touches everything in the Cadet Program, the following publications have been updated:

➤ CAPP 52-18, *Cadet Physical Fitness Program*;

➤ CAP Form 52 Series, *Phase Certifications*;

➤ CAPF 66, *Cadet Master Record*;

➤ CAP Certificate 29, *Wright Brothers Award*;

➤ CAP Test 60, *Wright Brothers Award Competition Exam*;

➤ CAPVA 52-1, *Cadet Program Achievement Specifications and Awards*;

➤ CAPVA 52-2, *Cadet Progress Chart Through the Mitchell Award*; and

➤ CAPVA 52-3, *Cadet Progress Chart Through the Spaatz*.



Distribution of pubs
Typically, units



automatically receive one copy of each new CAP directive. However, we know that CAPR 52-16, CAPP 52-18 and certain forms used in the CAP Cadet Program are critical to the operation of a cadet unit.

Therefore, to ensure the widest possible dissemination of these important materials in a fiscally responsible manner, we are sending a consolidated mailing to each cadet unit.

Here's how it will work. Each cadet unit will receive, via the U.S. mail, at least one box containing a set of publications. Each box will meet the needs of about 20 active cadets. Small cadet units will receive one box, while large cadet units will receive two or more boxes, depending on the number of cadets in the unit as indicated on the MML.

A boxed set will include the following items:

➤ 20 — CAPR 52-16, *Cadet Program Management*;

➤ 1 — CAPVA 52-1, *Achievement Specifications & Awards*;

➤ 20 — CAPP 52-18, *Cadet Physical Fitness Program*;

➤ 1 — CAPVA 52-2, *Progress Chart Through Mitchell*;

➤ 1 — CAPF 52 series, *Phase Certification*;

➤ 1 — CAPVA 52-3, *Progress Chart Through Spaatz*;

➤ 1 — CAPF 66, *Cadet Master Record*; and

➤ 10 — CAPC 29, *Wright Brothers Award Certificate*.

Please remember to use common sense. If your unit has 21 cadets on the MML, you'll likely receive one box containing a supply of publications for 20 cadets. We know that you're likely to have some cadets in your unit who are not active, so please work with us in dispensing the materials.

If you accidentally receive too many boxes or too few, due to a packing error, please try to accept the package as is or, if necessary, contact us and we'll correct the problem.

Distributing the publications in this manner saves taxpayers thousands of dollars and will provide enough publications to meet the needs of our active cadets and adult leaders.

NCSA 2003 Quick-Reference Chart

Activity	Location	Dates	Fees
Advanced Technologies Academy (ATA)	Waco, TX	12 – 19 Jul	\$350
	Shirley, NY	TBD	\$350
Aerospace Education Academy (AEA)	Oshkosh, WI	15 – 22 Jun	\$260
Air Education & Training Command Familiarization Course (AETCFC)	Columbus AFB, MS	12 – 19 Jul	\$125
	Loughlin AFB, TX	22 – 28 Jun	\$125
Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (AFSPCFC)	Patrick AFB, FL	27 Jul – 3 Aug	\$125
	Peterson AFB, CO	TBD	\$125
AF Weather Agency Familiarization Course (AFWAFC)	Offutt AFB, NE	12 – 19 Jul	\$150
AF Weather Agency Familiarization Course - Advanced (AFWAFC-A)	Offutt AFB, NE	12 – 19 Jul	\$150
Cadet Officer School (COS)	Maxwell AFB, AL	5 – 13 Jul	\$150
Engineering Technologies Academy (E-Tech)	Auburn, AL	TBD	\$150
Honor Guard Academy (HGA)	Camp Pendleton, VA	13 – 26 Jul	\$375/\$195
International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE)	Worldwide	17 Jul – 5 Aug	\$100
National Blue Beret (NBB)	Oshkosh, WI	23 Jul – 5 Aug	\$195
National Emergency Services Academy (NESA)			
Optional Pre-Courses	Camp Atterbury, IN	21 – 26 Jul	\$40-\$100
Basic National Ground Search & Rescue School (NGSAR)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 – 26 Jul	\$150
		27 Jul – 2 Aug	\$150
Adv. National Ground Search & Rescue School (Adv. NGSAR)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 – 26 Jul	\$150
		27 Jul – 2 Aug	\$150
Basic Mission Base Staff School (Basic MBSS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 – 26 Jul	\$150
Advanced Mission Base Staff School (Advanced MBSS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	27 Jul – 5 Aug	\$150
Mission Aircrew School (MAS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	25 Jul – 2 Aug	\$150
National Flight Academies – Glider Track (NFA-G)			
NFA-G California	TBD	TBD	\$850
NFA-G Georgia	Rome, GA	9 – 20 Jul	\$850
NFA-G Illinois	Mattoon, IL	20 – 28 Jun	\$850
National Flight Academies – Powered Track (NFA-P)			
NFA-P Nebraska	Camp Ashland, NE	14 – 27 Jul	\$850
NFA-P Oklahoma	TBD	20 – 29 Jun	\$850
NFA-P Tennessee	Smyrna, TN	16 – 30 Jun	\$850
NFA-P Virginia	Ft Pickett, VA	12 – 19 Jul	\$850
NFA-P Wisconsin	Oshkosh, WI	20 – 30 Jun	\$850
National Military Music Academy (NMMA)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pararescue Orientation Course (PJOC)	1: Kirtland AFB, NM	25 Jul – 1 Aug	\$125
	2: Kirtland AFB, NM	2 – 9 Aug	\$125
Pararescue Orientation Course - Advanced (APJOC)	Kirtland AFB, NM	Jul 9 – 23	\$250
Other Summer Cadet Activities Do <u>not</u> send applications for these activities to NHQ.			
Hawk Mountain Search & Rescue School	Hamburg, PA	12 – 20 Jul	\$100
EAA Air Academy (www.eaa.org)			
Aviation Challenge (www.spacecamp.com) or 800.63.SPACE			
Space Camp (www.spacecamp.com) or 800.63.SPACE			

All details are subject to change. Visit www.cap.gov, click "Cadet Programs" and "NCSAs" for the most current information.

2003 National Congress on Aviation and Space Education

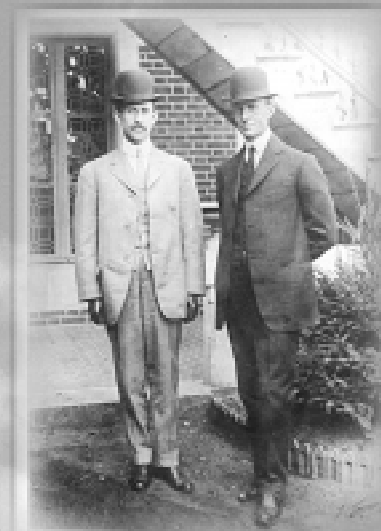
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NCASE is the premier aerospace education conference in the nation and is one of CAP's major contributions to America's aerospace education community.

For 35 years the National Congress has provided educators with professional development, personal growth, motivation for teaching, and unlimited networking opportunities.

Attendees receive volumes of information and practical hands-on training on how to use aviation and space themes to teach science, math, and technology, as well as other subjects, in their classrooms. How these themes tie in with National Standards is a major part of the conference. Once you attend the Congress, you'll never teach the same again!

2003 NATIONAL CONGRESS: MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL EDUCATORS

No child left behind

On Jan. 8, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the most sweeping reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act since its enactment in 1965. There are four basic tenets of the Act: stronger accountability for results, increased local control and flexibility, expanded parental options, and an emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work.

NCASE addresses the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act with its direct emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work. Congress participants share new experiences and discover learning tools to engage students at all grade levels in hands-on, minds-on classroom activities as they learn how the wonders of aviation and space can be a way to teach ordinary subjects in an extraordinary way. As a national standards-based educational sym-

posium, the Congress provides educators with professional development, personal growth, motivational teaching strategies, and networking opportunities as it brings them together with education, business and industry leaders and master teachers. This results in improved classroom teaching and supports greater student learning in science, technology and mathematics.

Hangar Talk

Designed to be a casual dialogue session, Hangar Talk is an open exchange — a time of informal sharing. No particular agenda has been established; participants just bring their questions and join in as the group explores a variety of subjects and topics as determined by the session participants.

Hangar Talk represents a unique opportunity for National Congress participants to speak directly to some of our greatest aviation pioneers and legends and to learn from their experiences. Sched-

uled to participate in this year's Hangar Talk are aviation pioneer and legend A. Scott Crossfield, astronaut Eric Boe, aviator Erik Lindbergh, and aviator/explorer Gus McLeod.

Air Force Museum Education Program

The National Congress will move to Dayton for an evening to provide participants with the opportunity to explore aviation history at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The museum, which is the national museum for the U.S. Air Force, is also the world's oldest and largest military aviation museum. Congress participants can explore a variety of galleries that tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the space age. More than 300 aircraft and missiles are on display, along with numerous aeronautical displays.

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Attendee Registration

2003 NATIONAL CONGRESS ATTENDEE REGISTRATION FORM

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1 CONTACT INFO AND EVENT SELECTION

If you are a CAP member, complete the line below:

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Name _____ E-mail _____

Preferred first name for name badge _____ Daytime phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guest Name 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Note: To attend the conference all guests must be paying registrants.

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	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration	\$ 95
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer Luncheon	\$ 35
<input type="checkbox"/> AF Museum Educational Program	NC
<input type="checkbox"/> Crown Circle Banquet	\$ 40

Total # attending

On-Site Registration

	Cost
Conference Registration	\$ 125
Brewer Luncheon	\$ 35
Crown Circle Banquet	\$ 45

Daily Pre-registration (Until 3/15)

	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	\$ 45
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	\$ 45
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	\$ 45

Total # attending

On-Site Registration

	Cost
Thursday	\$ 50
Friday	\$ 50
Saturday	\$ 50

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: CANVAS TOTE BAG, CONFERENCE PROGRAM & RELATED SEMINAR MATERIALS, WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION, THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT THE U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM, AND COFFEE BREAKS

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NEW JERSEY — Members of two New Jersey Wing squadrons spent the night on board the battleship New Jersey.

Cadets and senior members from the Jack Schweiker and Cape May County Composite squadrons drove to Camden, N.J., to board the retired battleship, which was part of the U.S. Navy's sea-power during three wars — World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars. The New Jersey is the most decorated battleship in United States' history.

The ship was launched Dec. 7, 1942, and commissioned in May, 1943. She was finally decommissioned in 1991, and opened as a museum in 2001.

Once on board, members of the two squadrons took part in producing the on-board video broadcast of the "Captain's Call"

safety briefing, followed by a meal on the ship's mess decks. Later, the ship's current crew led the members on a detailed three-hour tour of the ship, which ended with video tours of the engine room, one of the 16-inch gun turrets, and other parts of the ship not open to the public. At the end of the evening, several members of the tour group took part in the lowering of the U.S. flag on the ship's weather deck.

The group spent the night on the ship, then had breakfast on board. After breakfast, members of the group raised the colors on board.

The senior members of the Schweiker squadron who participated in the tour were: Maj. Ronald Polizzi, Dave Mull and Dennis Walton, squadron commander; Capt. Robert Eboch and Robert McCabe; Senior Flight Officer Jennifer Nikiper; and Sr. Mbrs. Andre' Ferland and Marianne Ferland. Schweiker squadron cadets who took part were: Capt. Evan Rudolph; 2nd Lt. Andrew Stowell; Senior Airman Adam Cathrall; Airman 1st Class

New Jersey Wing star



Cadet Sarah Streckenbein of New Jersey Wing's Cape May County Composite Squadron, center, poses with her squadron and cadet commander after she was formally promoted to staff sergeant. Pictured with her are, left, Cadet Capt. Brian McEwing, cadet commander, and Capt. Mary Ellen Sammons, squadron commander. Streckenbein also received a red service ribbon for her leadership and active participation in squadron functions.



Retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Thomas Seigenthaler, former commander of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, presents the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrew C. Stowell of New Jersey Wing's Jack Schweiker Composite Squadron. The presentation was made on the bridge of the USS New Jersey, a battleship which became a museum in 2001.

Johnny Burckley; and Airmen Timothy Eboch, Danielle Ferland and Alyssa Taylor.

The Cape May County Composite Squadron cadets who took part in the USS New Jersey visit were: Capt. Brian McEwing; Staff Sgts. Matt Johnson, Will Adorno and Sarah Streckenbein; Senior Airmen Jim Pierce; Airmen 1st Class Michael Raspa, Joseph DiCola, and Jared Nesi; and Airmen Frank Eckel, Joseph McKelvey, Matt Smith, Cheryl Tighe, Matt Vendetta and Anthony Johnson.

Capt. Mary Ellen Sammons

NEW YORK — Northeast Liaison region officials spoke to Academy Cadet Squadron members during a recent visit.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas G. Goodlin, CAP-USAF Northeast Liaison Region commander, visited the Academy squadron's headquarters, along with Maj. William Eberst, New York CAP-USAF liaison director, and Lt. Col. Ed

Rabassa, Northeast Region cadet programs development officer. Goodlin plans to visit units across the Northeast Region, and the Academy squadron was his first New York Wing unit.

Cadets and senior members of the Academy squadron were joined by Maj. Peter J. Turecek, New York City Group commander, and members of the August Martin Cadet and Falcon and Floyd Bennett Field Senior squadrons.

Goodlin gave those present a brief summary of his Air Force experience and then answered questions in a town-meeting format. His tips ranged from tips on gaining admittance to the Air Force Academy to more information on his military career.

After the discussion, Goodlin, Eberst, Turecek and 1st Lt. Sharon Garcia, August Martin squadron commander, presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet Marcel Garcia of the August Martin squadron.

Maj. Stephen Samuels



Cadets from Pennsylvania Wing's Doylestown Composite Squadron pose aboard a C-141 Starlifter during a four-day trip with a U.S. Air Force Reserve aircrew.

PENNSYLVANIA — Twelve members of the Doylestown Composite Squadron with a U.S. Air Force Reserve aircrew on board a C-141 Starlifter.

The Doylestown members began their journey from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., then flew to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and, finally, flew from Colorado Springs to Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The trip lasted four days and included overnight stays.

During the trip, the 10 cadets and two senior members saw the Air Force Academy Falcons play the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen in football. Before the game, the cadets met the two F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots who conducted a stadium fly-over as part of the game's opening ceremonies. The group was also taken on a tour of the academy.

While the group visited Scott AFB, Air Force Master Sgt. Larry Koehler, also a member of the Scott AFB squadron of the Illinois Wing, gave the squadron members a tour of the newly established historical display of communication systems, dating back to World War II. Scott AFB is the Air Force's policy, planning and communications center.

The Starlifter's pilot, Lt. Col. Gregory Stas, was also a member of the Doylestown squadron.

The Doylestown squadron cadets who went on the trip

were: Master Sgts. Jeff Guckin, Greg Kuleba, Joe Wood, Joe Duome, Bill Walker and Natasha Suszko; Tech. Sgt. Chris Mowery; Staff Sgt. Mike Scuczurowski; and Sgt. Dave Thomas. The senior members who took part were Stas, Capt. Dan Pompei and 2nd Lt. Joann Cookman.

2nd Lt. Joann Cookman

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DELAWARE — A cadet member of the Dover Composite Squadron was honored at the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame's annual honors dinner.

The Hall of Fame's Youth Achievement Award in Aviation was presented to Dover squadron's Cadet Capt. Philip G. Harris. The award is given annually to a young person who has distinguished him- or herself in aviation training, career development and participation in

community aviation affairs.

Harris joined CAP when he entered the sixth grade and, at age 13, became the youngest squadron cadet commander in the unit's history. He has served as chairman of the Delaware Wing Cadet Advisory Council and was selected as the 2001 cadet officer of the year. He has been awarded the Air Force Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars medals.

He is currently a junior at Polytech High School, where he is a U.S. Air Force JROTC cadet. He was named outstanding cadet for academic semester 1 and received the Veterans of World Wars citation.

Harris is also a graduate of Region Leadership School and National Military Music Academy.

Col. Ray Harris

MARYLAND — Members of the Annapolis Composite Squadron helped support an annual charity event at Annapolis (Md.) Harbor.

Every year, the Maritime Republic of Eastport, an organization devoted to promoting and supporting business in the community of Eastport, which became part of Annapolis, Md., in 1950, puts on a tug of war across the Annapolis Harbor. During the tug of war, known as the "Slaughter across the Water," residents of Eastbrook face off against residents of the city of Annapolis, both sides pulling on a rope strung all the

way across the harbor. The event brings in tens of thousands of dollars for various charities, and brings customers to area businesses. The event also attracts national news attention.

Annapolis senior members and cadets provide crowd control during the event, and set the 1,300-foot rope into position on the Spa Creek, in front of the U.S. Naval Academy. At the end of the event, squadron members recovered the rope.

The MRE gave the squadron a donation and honors one cadet per year with a small flight scholarship. The Irvin A. Rowe Flight Scholarship for 2002 was presented to Cadet Master Chief Sgt. Jonathan Smythe by Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, and retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Robert Smythe, Cadet Smythe's father, during the tug of war ceremonies. In order to be considered for the scholarship, interested cadets write an essay on any World War II-related subject. Robert Smythe is also the Annapolis squadron deputy commander for cadets. Cadet Smythe was the fifth cadet to receive the annual scholarship.

The second place essay was written by Cadet Airman 1st Class Chretien Mayes and the third place entry came from Cadet Airman John Kubit.

Robert Smythe

NORTH CAROLINA — Change of command ceremonies were held for North Carolina Wing's Group 5 and one of the squadrons within the group.

In back-to-back ceremonies, Capt. Robin McCall officially assumed the position of commanding officer of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron, and Maj. Al Therriault assumed command of Group 5. Cadet Master Sgt. Josh Higgins served as guidon bearer for the squadron change of command.

Maj. Joe Morris, outgoing Group 5 commander, officiated as Therriault turned command over to McCall, the first female commander in the history of the Raleigh-Wake squadron. McCall has been in the North Carolina Wing since 1988. As a cadet, she received the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1993. As a senior member, she served as the wing IACE project officer and cadet encampment tactical officer. At the squadron level, she served in the leadership and cadet programs officer positions.

Therriault, recipient of the 2002 F. Ward Reilly Leadership Award, took over as Raleigh Wake squadron commander in 1999. During his time as

commander, he helped expand the squadron's "Sundown Patrol," which joined the local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with CAP for evening reconnaissance of four area lakes. He left the commander position to take over command of Group 5.

Immediately after the first change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. Tom Hogg, acting North Carolina Wing vice commander, officiated over the Group 5 change of command ceremony. During the ceremony, Morris relinquished command of the group to Therriault.

Present for the ceremonies were Lt. Col. Leslie Ingram, acting North Carolina Wing chief of staff, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Royce Beacham. Several cadets and senior members of the Raleigh-Wake squadron also attended.

2nd Lt. Conrad F. D'Cruz

VIRGINIA — Members of both the North Carolina and Virginia wings took part in ground training at Blue Ridge Airport near Martinsville, Va.

The cadets and senior members planned to take part in an air and ground training exercise, but steady rain and poor visibility caused by low clouds led to the cancellation of the air portions of the exercise. Ground team members still used the opportunity to sharpen their skills.

The 32 cadet and 36 senior member participants included three search and rescue ground teams from the two wings. They used four Virginia Wing vans and one North Carolina Wing van.

Training included mission management and the use of ground-based electronic direction-finding equipment to locate emergency beacons. Special training was conducted for the Air Branch Director trainees and Skills Evaluator Training was held for several wing, group and squadron people.

Though unable to participate, six aircrews were scheduled to practice training in airborne direction finding, guiding ground teams to a specific location, and searching for visual targets on the ground.

Lt. Col. B. Don Johnson, mission incident commander, said that the mission was well attended and highly successful, despite the poor weather.

1st Lt. Donna Johnson

VIRGINIA — Five members of the Virginia Wing graduated from a Squadron Leadership School held at the wing's headquarters in Richmond, Va.

The SLS was held to help

senior members understand the basic functions of a Civil Air Patrol squadron, how CAP works at the squadron level and how they can improve squadron operations.

Graduation from an SLS is the final step in completing senior member level II training and, when combined with completion of 18 months of service as a first lieutenant, means the senior member is eligible for promotion to captain.

The senior members who completed the SLS in Richmond were: Max Benbow, of Asheboro, N.C.; Matthew Reeps and Amy Reeps, Purcellville, Va.; Earl Long, Culpepper, Va.; and Albert Jones, Kilmarnock, Va. Each of them received a certificate of proficiency for completing the course. 1st Lt. Larry Evans conducted the course.

Lt. Col. Linda J. Utting

VIRGINIA — Several members of the West Richmond Cadet and Byrd Composite squadrons toured one of the active reserve transportation units at Andrews Air Force Base, Va.

The tour was arranged by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dave Bickel, a Reservist with the 69th Aerial Port Squadron, 459th Airlift Wing. Bickel is also the CAP/USAF liaison office noncommissioned officer. The tour, which lasted a day, included an inside look at one of the largest transport planes the Air Force uses, a C-141 Starlifter, as well as one of the smallest planes used, a C-21 Lear jet.

The members of the group were welcomed to the 69th by Lt. Col. Wionna Cason, squadron commander, and received briefings from Chief Master Sgt. Jean Manall and Master Sgt. Fred Johnson. The tour began with a walk-through of the Air Traffic Operations Center, along with a briefing from NCO-in-charge Tech. Sgt. Mark Anderson. He told the cadets that the unit had a continuous real-world mission and that unit members spent time over the past year in Saudi Arabia, were part of Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Their primary mission is moving cargo of all types and combat wherever they are needed.

To carry out their mission, the 69th operates mobile aero ports, which are essentially portable mini-airports.

After the briefing, cadets toured a Starlifter. The C-141's crew chief explained the plane's capabilities, such as its ability to carry nearly 70,000 pounds and its top speed of about 500 miles

per hour. He also said the squadron will be replacing its aging fleet of Starlifters with KC-135 Stratotankers, which can perform double-duty by carrying thousands of pounds of aviation fuel, along with cargo and troops.

The tour group ate at the base dining facilities, then taken to a C-21 hangar. Lt. Col. Tom Karika of the Air Force's 89th squadron hosted this portion of the tour and explained that the jets are used to ferry Air Force and government dignitaries to official functions and important missions for the executive branch of government.

He also gave a briefing on the plane's capabilities and history, and quizzed cadets on various parts of the plane. On board the plane, Karika fired off the avionics for the cadets to see how some of the equipment, such as the stall indicator and shake stick, works.

Robert Rickman

VIRGINIA — The West Richmond Cadet Squadron has a new cadet commander, following a recent change of command ceremony.

During the ceremony, held at the squadron's headquarters in Richmond, Va., Cadet Master Sgt. Colin Bryant assumed command of the cadets and replaced Cadet Staff Sgt. Clinton Seal. Lt. Col. Timothy Baker, squadron commander, officiated over the ceremony.

Seal stepped down in preparation for active service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Bryant was the squadron's cadet first sergeant and stepped up to become the cadet commander position.

Immediately after the ceremony, Bryant performed his first official duty as West Richmond squadron's cadet commander. He promoted cadet Theresa Gray to staff sergeant and David Butcher to master sergeant.

Robert Rickman

GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER
COL. WILLIAM S. CHARLES

ILLINOIS * INDIANA
KENTUCKY * MICHIGAN
OHIO * WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS — Cadet members of the Illinois Valley Flight volunteered their time to recognize American veterans at a veterans' home in LaSalle, Illinois.

The Illinois Valley cadets served as color guard for a Veteran's Day program at the Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle. This was the first time the flight's color guard members visited the veterans home.

The idea for the cadet participation in the program came from 2nd Lt. Kevin Nelson, unit commander, and Marian Bickett, director of volunteer services at the home. Nelson called to suggest that the color guard conduct a flag ceremony during the time scheduled for the regular meeting, and Bickett suggested the cadets take part in the regular afternoon Veterans Day programs instead. Since the cadets were out of school for the holiday, Nelson quickly agreed.

The program included a welcome and invocation by veterans, an address by the home administrator, message by an area youth minister and U.S. Air Force veteran, and patriotic music sung and played by local residents. Each branch of service was recognized. The cadets visited with residents after the meeting.

At a meeting held later in the evening, several of the cadets said the veterans who lived in the home were glad to see the cadets and curious about CAP. Nelson said the location of the home provides squadron cadets a unique opportunity.

"LaSalle County is in a unique position, because we have this facility. We have several cadets in our unit that are interested in military history, and I thought this event could be the start of a long-term relationship between area CAP members and the veterans home — we could adopt them ... It's a good opportunity to give something back to those men and women who gave so much to us," Nelson said.

The cadets who took part included: Dan Nelson, Adam Wilson, Joe Trump, Ryan Wink, Kimber Smith and John Wenzloff.

2nd Lt. Kevin Nelson

ILLINOIS — A member of Illinois Wing's Group 22 observed a disaster response exercise conducted by the Lakes County, Ill., Emergency Management Agency.

Capt. Steven Handler observed the exercise on behalf of Group 22. He was asked to do so by Maj. Grant Farrell, group

commander, to determine whether the wing might be able to support Lake County Emergency Management Agency actions in actual emergencies.

This was the first time EMA included an Illinois Wing representative in their exercise. Handler was also there to help determine if the Lake County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, a group of highly trained amateur radio operators who assist local governments during emergencies, might be able to help the Illinois Wing on an as-needed basis.

Train wreck and chemical spill scenarios were two of several disaster scenarios exercise participants dealt with.

The Lake County EMA coordinator was James Schultz. During the exercise, which involved different disaster scenarios such as a train wreck and chemical spill, participants honed their skills with the incident command system. Also, volunteers responded as requested and established voice and data communications links with the disaster sites.

Representatives from three local governments took part in the exercise. The Villages of Antioch and Wauconda and the City of Zion each staged a different type of disaster which required county assistance.

Capt. Steven Handler

ILLINOIS — More than 90 people attended a holiday awards banquet put on by the Palwaukee Senior Squadron and Illinois Wing Group 22.

Lt. Col. Charles W. Boyle, Palwaukee squadron commander, acted as the master of ceremonies at the banquet, during which members of the squadron and Illinois Wing Group 22 were honored. The event was the squadron and group's seventh annual combined banquet.

During the banquet, the Gill Robb Wilson Award was presented to Lt. Col. Ludwig Wipotnik, and several senior members received the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award. Squadron members 1st Lt. Nathan U. Firestone and Lt. Col. Willard L. Jeffries, both of whom were prisoners of war during World War II, were also recognized for the sacrifices they made for our country.

Boyle presented the squadron's senior-member-of-the-year award to 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Groh in recognition of his work as senior program director and for his mission administration work. Local business owners and managers were also

honored for their support of the Palwaukee squadron's programs.

The combination group/squadron party was attended by members of both units, as well as representatives of the Illinois Wing.

Capt. Steven Handler

ILLINOIS — Cadet members of the Fox Valley Composite Squadron spent a weekend at Gen. Mitchell Air Reserve Base, Wisc.

The weekend visit was hosted by members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 440th Airlift Wing, which is based out of Mitchell ARB, near Milwaukee.

The event began with a flight on a C-130 Hercules, which took squadron members to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Halfway through the flight, the crew allowed cadets into the cockpit, where a pilot, co-pilot, navigator and flight engineer answered questions.

Cadets got a feel for the difficulties of military service during a chemical warfare drill. 1st Lt. Mark Aragon provided chemical warfare suits for the cadets so they could get a better feel for what military people go through to maintain readiness. Three cadets, 2nd Lt. John Brandes, Capt. Sarah Ondracek and Airman 1st Class Shawn Erdenberg laid on the floor with two Air Force Reserve noncommissioned officers while they waited out the alert.

The cadets were divided into three groups after the drill and each group spent the day with a separate operational area. One section was assigned to the Aerial Port Squadron, which loads aircraft, another went to the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which performs maintenance on C-130s, and the third was assigned to the Security Forces.

Cadets from all groups said they were amazed at how much they were allowed to do and how much they learned. Those assigned to aircraft maintenance got a close-up look at every aspect of the C-130, from cockpit to engine. A reserve master sergeant led cadets onto scaffolding under one of the four turboprop engines, then handed out screwdrivers so the cadets could remove the cowling. The cadets then learned about the inner workings of a functional Allison T56-A-15 turboprop engine and the loading procedure for a C-130.

Those with the Aerial Port Squadron and Security Forces also said they were given an opportunity to see what goes on in person, rather than just

hearing briefs in a classroom.

Squadron leaders considered the trip a large success, mostly due to the efforts of the 440th Airlift Wing commander and personnel.

"Thanks to Col. Smith, the 440th Wing commander, the base personnel and the 440th Airlift Wing, cadets learned a lot and had a great time," said Fox Valley squadron member Capt. Holly Georgell.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Tara Roys

INDIANA— An Indiana lawmaker presented one of CAP's highest honors to a cadet from Indiana Wing's River City Cadet Squadron.

Indiana Congressman John Hostettler presented the Gen. Carl A Spaatz Award to Cadet Meaghan Patten during a ceremony at the Evansville (Ind.) National Guard Armory. Because they had maneuvers that weekend and were at the armory, most of the men and women from the National Guard unit attended the awards ceremony. Patten is the River City squadron's cadet commander and has served as the cadet commander for the Great Lakes Region encampment held at Camp Atterbury, Ind., over the summer.

Patten is a junior at Mount Vernon High School. In addition to her membership in the River City squadron, she is on the school's marching, concert and jazz bands, and is the marching band's drum major. She has received numerous other awards for her academic work, athletics and volunteer activities.

Cadet Capt. Casey Cochran

INDIANA— Representatives of the Indiana State Police recognized the Indiana Wing for their counter-drug assistance during 2002.

Indiana State Police officials presented a plaque to Lt. Cols. Reggie Paul, Indiana Wing director of counter-drug operations, and Thomas Pickett, wing director of operations, who received the awards on behalf of wing personnel. The plaque recognized the wing for continued support of a Drug Enforcement Administration marijuana-spotting program during a time when state police aviation resources were very limited. Wing personnel flew about 600 hours of counter-drug flights as part of the 2002 counter-drug program.

Col. Dean Petree, superintendent of the Indiana State Police Bureau of Field Operations, Maj. Monte McKee, commander of the Police Field Enforcement Division, and Cpl.

Mike Crabtree presented the awards to Paul and Pickett during an operations briefing and luncheon in Indianapolis. About 40 Indiana State Police district and regional coordinators with the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program attended the event.

Lt. Col. Reggie Paul

INDIANA— Members of the Parma Cadet Squadron honored America's veterans by taking part in Veterans Day activities in Parma, Ohio.

The Parma squadron's color guard performed in a ceremony held, and sponsored by, the Parma Heights Christian Academy. During the ceremony, several World War II veterans were honored, and spoke to the school's students and gathered guests about their experiences. The color guard opened the ceremonies and struck colors as the National Anthem played.

The veteran guest speakers included: Erwin Sladewski of Lyndhurst, Ohio, who served in the U.S. Navy; Greg Hedglen of Columbia Station, Ohio, a member of the Commemorative Air Force, served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and Tom Austin, of Cleveland, was a Tuskegee Airman.

Parma squadron members took the opportunity to distribute literature and answer questions for interested students. The group was invited back to perform in the 2003 Veterans Day ceremonies.

The ceremony was initiated by the academy and Maj. Gerald Riess of the Parma Squadron.

The cadets who took part included: 2nd Lt. Patrick Smith; Master Sgt. Don Lough; Tech. Sgts. Philip Stryczny and Kaitlyn Lentz; and Staff Sgt. Steve Dembkowski.

Maj. Gerald Riess

SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA * FLORIDA *
GEORGIA * MISSISSIPPI *
PUERTO RICO * TENNESSEE

ALABAMA— Several members of the Redstone Composite Squadron were honored during an awards dinner

held in Madison, Ala.

During the dinner, held at the Greenbriar Restaurant in Madison, four cadets received achievement awards and several others received annual CAP, Air Force Sergeant's Association and Air Force Association Awards.

Col. John Tilton, Alabama Wing commander, presented the Amelia Earhart Award to Christine Bloom and Patrick Waller. Tilton presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Amanda Rice and Nicholas Simmons. Bloom also received the Air Force Association's Outstanding Cadet Officer Award from Maj. Terry Roop. Waller, who just received a four-year U.S. Air Force ROTC scholarship he plans to use at the University of Alabama, was also honored as the squadron's cadet officer of the year. Bloom was honored as the squadron's cadet of the year.

Other cadets honored were: Matthew Hulsey, Air Force Sergeants Association's outstanding cadet noncommissioned officer and squadron NCO of the year; David Morganroth and Cameron Bourgoin, outstanding cadet NCOs; and Nathan Noel and Michael Barron, squadron outstanding cadet officers.

Also during the meeting, Maj. Arnold Staton, Redstone squadron deputy commander for cadets, and Cadet Maj. Kyle Unger, cadet commander, presented several cadet promo-

tions. The cadets who received promotions were: Capt. Christine Bloom and Patrick Waller; 1st Lts. Nathan Noel and Andrew Johnson; 2nd Lts. Amanda Rice and Nicholas Simmons; Chief Master Staff Sgt. Matthew Hulsey; Tech. Sgt. David Morganroth; and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Goodly.

The year 2002 was a record year for Redstone squadron cadet achievements. A total of eight Mitchell awards and three Earhart awards were presented to squadron cadets during the year.

Maj. Arnold C. Staton

FLORIDA— More than 78,000 people had the opportunity to learn about CAP, thanks to the Tallahassee Composite Squadron's biggest public affairs efforts of 2002.

More than 40 Tallahassee squadron members put in more than 300 hours at the annual North Florida Fair, which offered booth space to law enforcement and community service organizations for displays and demonstrations. Squadron members have taken advantage of the opportunity several times. The fair takes place the first 10 days of November.

"In years past we have tried to have personnel with out displays as much as possible. This year, more than 40 members of the squadron volunteered a total of 312 man-hours to ensure that our booth was staffed with both senior mem-

bers and cadets during every minute that the fair was open," said 1st Lt. Kevin Smith, squadron public affairs officer.

The Tallahassee squadron members were assisted by Capt. Christie Mathison, deputy commander of Florida Wing's Group 1 East, Lt. Col. John Brennan, commander of Florida's legislative squadron, and members of the Marianna Flight.

Smith said the participating members initially saw the fair as a public affairs function, designed to increase community awareness, but once they saw how much interest their was, "their enthusiasm for presenting the CAP story quickly turned it into a fantastic recruiting opportunity."

This year, 80 people signed up for future orientation seminars during their stop at the booth. According to Smith, because these people have already spent one-on-one time with the members on duty at the fair, they are already well informed and, based on the past, 30-50 percent join after attending an orientation.

"Their interest has already been whetted by talking to active members, and parents of cadet candidates have gotten a good idea of the opportunities for cadets to develop their leadership skills, learn the value of community service, and further their education on so many fronts," Smith said.

1st Lt. Kevin Smith



Members of Florida Wing's Tallahassee Composite Squadron pose while working a recruiting booth at the North Florida Fair. Pictured are, from left, Airman 1st Class Cory Dunlap, Capt. DeWayne Carver, 2nd Lt. Judy Yarbrough and Airman 1st Class Kalin Dunlap.



Senior members of Mississippi Wing's Jackson Composite Squadron present an aerospace education lesson during a Veteran's Day celebration in Madison, Miss. Pictured are, from left, Lt. Cols. Clarence Hauck, putting a helmet on a potential cadet, and Hauck, future cadet, and Edith Street, with a CAP paper plane.

FLORIDA – Three members of the Florida Wing were honored by members of the Highlands County (Fla.) Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Awards were presented at the Highlands County Chapter's Air Force Association Community Service Awards luncheon, held in Avon Park, Fla. The guest speaker was U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. William W. "Wayne" Hodges, commander of the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

The AFA's Matty Laird Award for support to civil aviation was presented to Capt. Ray E. Meyers of Lake Placid, Fla., a retired TWA pilot and member of the Highlands County Composite Squadron. He served as an Air Force air controller before becoming a commercial pilot, served as a pilot for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, and was a member of the Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. He is a CAP mission pilot.

The senior member-of-the-year award went to 1st Lt. William Kingston of Sebring, Fla., the youngest member to receive the award since its creation in 1996. The cadet-of-the-year award went to 1st Lt. George W. Foster, also of Sebring.

Capt. Patrick O'Key

MISSISSIPPI – Members of

the Jackson Composite Squadron worked with the city of Madison, Miss., and the Commemorative Air Force's Mississippi Wing during a Veteran's Day celebration.

The event, held at the Madison City Airport, honored all military veterans.

Brig. Gen. William L. Waller Jr., commander of the Mississippi National Guard's 66th Troop Command delivered the keynote address. Displays were available to local residents throughout the day and included modern military and civilian aircraft, including a Mississippi Wing Cessna C-172S, and ground equipment from the National Guard, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force. The event showcased several World War II-era aircraft and weapons, and included a parachute demonstration.

The highlight for squadron members was a first look at the restoration of the Stinson 10-A underway by the Mississippi Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. The airplane was not ready for flight, but it did display the bright yellow paint of the World War II aircraft and will soon carry the emblems provided by the CAP Historical Foundation. The restoration project began almost a year ago when a member of the Mississippi CAF traveled to Ohio to retrieve the plane. The group

plans to dedicate the plane and showcase both the aircraft and WWII logbook. The part of CAP history will be preserved, thanks to the efforts of the Mississippi CAF and their association with CAP's Mississippi Wing. Members of CAP's Mississippi Wing presented a set of chocks, personalized with "NC34693," to the CAF for the restoration project.

The Mississippi Wing senior members who took part in the activities were: Col. Becky Baum; Lt. Cols. Clarence Hauck, Edith Street and John Wilks; Maj. Johnny Taylor, Jim Maher and James McKinnie; Capt. Lynn Stuart; and 1st Lts. Cynthia Taylor and David Danehower. Cadets who participated included: 1st Lt. Matt Brady; Senior Master Sgt. Chris Ellis; Staff Sgt. Wells Durham; and Airman Michael Porter.

1st Lt. David Danehower

TENNESSEE – More than 150 members of the Tennessee Wing attended the wing's annual conference in Knoxville, Tenn.

Attendees spent the weekend in seminars on topics such as homeland security, safety, emergency services, cadet programs and logistics. Several cadets and senior members were also honored during the conference, held at the Grace Lutheran Church facilities in Knoxville.

Col. Joseph C. Meighan gave a state of the wing address, before turning over command of the wing to Col. James M. Rushing in a ceremony held later in the conference.

CAP National Commander, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, and Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio J. Pineda, officiated over the change of command ceremony, as Rushing assumed command.

Bowling, Pineda and Meighan presented achievement awards to several cadets.

Included were: Col. David A. Greene, who received the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award; Lt. Col. Brian Kinner, Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award; Capt. John M. Lufi and Cameron Price, Amelia Earhard Award; and 2nd Lt. Thomas E. Myers, Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

The Tennessee Aeronautics Board provided funding for two cadet flight scholarships for the fiscal year. The recipients of \$2,500 dollar flight scholarships were Cadets Maj. Stewart Hawkins of the McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron and 2nd Lt. Joshua Frizzel, Memphis Belle Memorial Squadron.

Several lifesaving awards were also presented to Tennessee Wing members. Cadet recipients included: Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Josh D. Garner, who rescued a young boy from the bottom of a pool while at a Tennessee National Guard Youth Camp; and brothers Lt. Col. Brian E. Kinner and 1st Lt. Sean M. Kinner, who saved two victims of an auto accident by stabilizing the victims and extinguishing a fire that started in the victims' car.

Several senior members were also honored. Bowling and Meighan recognized several for their support of the wing's cadet programs. They included: Lt. Cols. Bronce Fitzgerald, George Melton and Don Clark, and Capt. Jack E. Mullinax and Wanda Myers.

Other senior members honored included: Lt. Col. James M. Rushing and Maj. Billie G. Lane, Gill Robb Wilson Award; Lt. Cols. James O. Morgan and James E. Goins, and Maj. Donald W. James, Paul E. Garber Award; and Maj. Richard A. Harmon Sr., Ivan C. Peacock, Tracy D. Scantland and Brent S. Thatcher, and Capt. Paul E. Howard, Stacia J. Grindstaff, Lorrie J. James, Wanda J. Myers and Alvis M. Winkler, Grover Loening Award.

Senior members who were recognized with wing awards for outstanding performance in their fields included: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leonard Ron Hamm, chaplain of the year; Lt. Col.

Jeffery L. Wadley, emergency services officer of the year; Maj. Randall P. Patterson, operations officer of the year; 2nd Lt. Terri L. Williams, public affairs officer of the year; Capt. Ronald D. Inyart, supply officer of the year; Lt. Col. Alfred Nilsson, senior member of the year; commanders of the year, Maj. Frederick Vatcher and Lt. Cols. George B. Melton and Timothy Brown.

The Tennessee Wing cadet of the year was Col. David A. Greene of the Kingsport Composite Squadron.

Lt. Col. Melinda M. Lord

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

COMMANDER
COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA * KANSAS
MINNESOTA * MISSOURI
NEBRASKA * NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA

KANSAS – Members of the Flint Hills Composite Squadron formed the lead element in a local Christmas parade.

A Flint Hills squadron color guard, made up of four cadets, led the Junction City, Kan., Christmas parade for the seventh consecutive year. The Kansas Wing communications van and the Flint Hills squadron's four-wheel-drive vehicle were also in the parade, which consisted of about 40 total entries.

The parade is a gift to the community for the support the community has shown to those organizations which took part in the parade, and also helped area residents start their holiday season.

Col. Tim Hansen

MISSOURI – Several Missouri Wing cadets toured the Boone County (Mo.) Fire Protection District Urban Search and Rescue, Task Force-1, facilities in Columbia, Mo.

The tour of the Task Force-1 unit at the Boone County (Mo.) Fire Protection District, was part of the training for students of the Missouri Wing Pathfinder Technical School, a course offered to help area cadets improve their skills in ground search and rescue. The tour leader was Doug Westoff, leader of Task Force-1, who went with other task force members to help

at "Ground Zero" in New York City.

According to Westoff, the task force is made up of three 62-member teams and four search dogs. Each of the three teams is either on call, awaiting call, or resting. The teams are always in a specific mode for thirty days at a time.

Moving Task Force-1 for a mission such as the World Trade Center bombing requires two buses and two flat-bed trailers to transport the team and the 40 tons of gear to Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri. Three C-130 Hercules aircraft transport the team and gear from Whiteman to their destination.

The Missouri U.S. Army Reserve contingent is one of 29 such teams in the United States. To date, 26 of the 29 teams were utilized at the World Trade Center and Pentagon disaster sites.

The tour started with initial details on the group's history and current missions, followed by a tour of each section and their facilities. Other briefings during the visit covered how the teams keep track of information through individual databases linked to a central database, assignment of supplies and communications gear, and other logistical support issues for the team.

During the three-hour introductions, the Pathfinder students and instructors learned about the USAR Task Force, the only all-volunteer team in America. They discussed opportunities for CAP members to be included in BCFPD and USAR Task Force training and team-building exercises.

"Our intent was to definitely learn more about what the Urban Search and Rescue people do, how they achieve results and what we could learn that will be helpful to our own search and disaster operations. We also wanted to see where CAP can be incorporated and, potentially, useful to USAR in the future," said Lawson.

Lt. Col. Gary W. Gregory

MISSOURI – The Missouri Wing commander presented awards to cadets from the Frontier Composite Squadron during a recent ceremony.

During the awards ceremony, Col. Joe Casler, Missouri Wing commander, presented awards to six Frontier cadets. He presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lts. Joshua Meadows and Andrew Luke, and the Amelia Earhart Award to Cadet Capt. Stephen Knoche and Jacob Whitehead.

The event came as the Frontier squadron ended a record year, during which six squadron cadets received Mitchell awards and two received Earhart awards. Other cadets to receive Mitchell awards during the year included: Amy Christy, Jacob Whitehead, Stephen Knoche and Jesse Hopkins. Whitehead and Knoche completed the requirements for the Earhart awards during the same year they received their Mitchell awards.

Squadron officials hope to present the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award to squadron cadets for the first time in the squadron's history during the coming year.

1st Lt. Shannon Whitehead

SOUTH-WEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

LOUISIANA – An emergency locator transmitter demonstration during a recent LeBlanc Cadet Squadron's family day turned into a real search and rescue mission.

While several cadets were on an orientation ride with pilot Maj. Steve Caldas, 1st Lt. Teresa Robichaux, LeBlanc squadron commander, turned on a practice ELT. She wanted to demonstrate to the family members gathered for a barbecue how an aircrew can hone in on the signal. However, Cadet Airman 1st Class Cole Doiron, who was on an orientation flight in the front seat of a Cessna 172, picked up a real ELT signal rather than the practice signal on the plane's direction finding equipment. In the plane with Doiron and Caldas was cadet Mathieu DeRouche.

Surprised parents watched and listened as the squadron members in the air and on the ground communicated back and forth and with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to verify the authenticity of the signal. Using the plane's global positioning system, the two cadets wrote down the coordinates and sent the information to Robichaux by radio. The AFRCC issues a mission number and Lt. Col. Micky Marchand of the



Above: Cadets from New Mexico Wing's Los Alamos Composite Squadron honor America's veterans during Veteran's Day services in Los Alamos, N.M.. Cadets pictured are, from left, Senior Master Sgts. Marit Christensen and Curtis Christensen, Tech. Sgt. Keith Parker and Staff Sgt. Rose Parker.

Right: Cadet Airman 1st Class Deborah Francisco escorts Inez Christensen to receive a "blue star banner" presented to her by the American Legion to signify she has a grandson serving in the U.S. Air Force.



Ascension Parish Composite Squadron was designated incident commander.

Caldas landed and dropped off the cadets, then flew to the coordinates to verify that the signal was still being sent, while Robichaux and her husband, Maj. Clyde Robichaux, Louisiana Wing director of cadet programs, were designated on the ground team. They drove to the coordinates and tracked the signal on the ground. After several hours of searching, the team tracked the signal to an electronic position-indicating radio beacon activated on a shelf of a lectern in a Morgan City, La., technical school. Once they found it, they deactivated the EPIRB and the

mission was concluded.

Caldas said the whole episode was begun because one cadet, Doiron, was alert and vigilant as the intended demonstration began.

Maj. Steve Caldas

NEW MEXICO – Members of the Los Alamos Composite Squadron took part in Veterans Day festivities in Los Alamos, N.M.

The Los Alamos squadron color guard helped start the activities by raising the colors atop the community flag pole. Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Marit Christenson slowly hoisted the flag as Cadets Tech. Sgt. Keith Parker and Senior Master Sgt.

Curtis Christenson unfurled the national and state flags, assisted by Cadet Staff Sgts. Rose Parker.

As they finished, members of the 150th Tactical Fighter Group of the New Mexico Air National Guard conducted a fly-over.

An additional color guard, made up of cadets Staff Sgts. Jesse Peters and Victor Stearns, Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Roybal and Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Kruse, joined 11 other color guards on the outdoor stage of the Los Alamos municipal building. The ceremony lasted 45 minutes.

Part of the ceremony involved the American Legion's

"Blue Star Banner" presentation. Los Alamos squadron cadets who were not on a color guard escorted mothers and grandmothers to receive banners that signified they had children or grandchildren serving in the U.S. military.

After the ceremony, the cadets pitched in to break down the seating area and loaded chairs onto a truck. Several cadets policed the grounds for trash.

2nd Lt. Gretta Christensen

TEXAS – Members and guests of the Marauder Composite Squadron toured the Continental facility and Marauder squadron aerospace education officer, hosted the orientation tour.

1st Lt. Erich Arbogast, maintenance supervisor at the Continental facility and Marauder squadron aerospace education officer, hosted the orientation tour.

During the tour, cadets, senior members and their family members saw turbine engines for the Boeing 737 and 757 and the MD-80 airframes in various states of repair. The cadets were given a detailed description of how the high bypass axial flow engines operate, as well as descriptions of the various components and the maintenance procedures the engines were going through.

The tour also incorporated a safety discussion on how maintenance actions are planned and executed using operational risk management procedures, and on the purpose of the Federal Aviation Administration's airplane-specific grounding system.

The event highlight was an orientation tour that led the group through the airframe, cabin and cockpit of a Boeing 737-800.

The trip provided squadron guests and cadet family members with an opportunity to learn about the cadet aerospace education program, and the cadets the opportunity to learn more about the safety concerns of the aviation community.

Sr. Mbr. J. E. Power

TEXAS – Members of several Texas Wing units took part in a weekend search and rescue exercise in Kingsville, Texas – an area some say needs another unit in case of emergency.

During the exercise, held at the Kleberg County (Texas) Airport, Texas Wing members from Brownsville, Corpus Christi, McAllen and Victoria practiced to improve their abilities to handle

air disasters. In all, 11 air sorties were flown and numerous ground teams were activated for mock missions around Benavides, Texas. Several emergency locator transmitters were hidden throughout South Texas to simulate downed aircraft.

Capt. Joe Ely Carrales, commander of the Corpus Christi Composite Squadron, explained the point of the exercise. "A SAREX is a serious time when CAP members practice the skills they will need in an actual disaster. Pilots, aircrews and ground personnel have to be ready when lives are on the line," Carrales said.

As the exercise was winding down, an actual mission was begun after an ELT signal was detected. Carrales and Maj. Sam Windsor led a ground team to U.S. Naval Air Station Kingsville, where they found the source of the signal, a trainer. Though the signal turned out to be non-emergent, Carrales said the incident – and other missions conducted in South Texas around the time of the exercise – demonstrated the need for trained search and rescue personnel in the Kingsville area.

"It is of great importance that a CAP unit or team be formed in the Kingsville area to address these emergencies. People from Corpus Christi live too far away for comfort and efficiency. CAP will play a big role in homeland defense and we need people to answer that call," Carrales said.

Capt. Joe Ely Carrales and John R. Rios

TEXAS – A retired U.S. Air Force general and former Air Force One command pilot and advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson visited the home of the Bell County Composite Squadron at the Draughon-Miller Regional Airport in Temple, Texas.

Brig. Gen. James Cross, who served as commander of the U.S. Air Force's 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, just prior to his retirement from active duty, presented the Earhart award to two squadron cadets and discussed his experiences. He presented the awards to Cadet 1st Lts. Anna Finn and James Finn, brother and sister members of the Bell County squadron.

Cross said that he was chosen by Vice President Johnson to serve as his pilot on Air Force Two, the aircraft assigned to the vice president.

After the assassination of President John F. Kennedy,

Cross was retained as President Johnson's chief pilot, and was soon elevated to the position of White House military advisor.

"When I entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and began training to become a pilot, I never dreamed I would eventually become the command pilot for the president of the United States. And when President Johnson saw to it that I was promoted to brigadier general some years later, that came as a big surprise as well," he said.

Cross, who flew C-47 Skytrains over the notorious "Hump" in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II, told the cadets to be diligent in their studies and never fail in their patriotism.

"You have no idea what your future may hold right now, just as I never dreamed my career in the Air Force would take me to such a historical assignment. Be ready for what comes your way, and be a credit to your family and your country, always," he said.

Maj. Bill Herridge

TEXAS – Members of the Thunderbolt and Plano Mustang Composite Squadrons hosted six other Dallas-area squadrons in a joint ground search and rescue and operations training exercise in McKinney, Texas.

More than 80 cadets and senior members took part in the three-day exercise at Erwin Park in McKinney for qualification for ground team and ground team leader positions. Topics covered included emergency locator transmitter searches, first aid and emergency shelter and fire building. The weather, which included continuous rain, wind and cold prevented planned cadet orientation flights.

Despite the foul weather, many members became qualified as new ground team members and most who attended the exercise said the goals were accomplished.

Lt. Col. Jack Faas

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COLORADO — Representatives of the Black Sheep Senior Squadron logged more cadet orientation flight hours than any other Colorado Wing squadron during fiscal year 2002, according to recent reports.

Squadron members logged almost 236 hours of cadet orientation flight time alone, or almost 20 hours each month. Black Sheep squadron pilots flew orientation flights for cadets from the Mustang, Vance Brand, Valkyrie and Parker Cadet squadrons, and Dakota Ridge, North Valley, Douglas and Foothills Composite squadrons. They also flew 13 hours of flights for U.S. Air Force ROTC members.

"In order to keep aircraft assigned to a squadron, it's expected they will put a minimum of 200 hours on an aircraft per year. Our squadron is generally viewed as a rapid response emergency services squadron. This effort demonstrates our support of Colorado Wing's cadet programs mission as well," said Capt. Dave Hurtado, Black Sheep squadron commander.

In addition to orientation flights, the regular usage of the squadron's two corporate airplanes typically exceeds 550 hours each year.

2nd Lt. Chad Morris

MONTANA — Several Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron cadets took part in a rocketry encampment held outside of Helena.

A total of 15 cadets completed the encampment, held at Fort Harrison.

1st Lt. Don Bischoff, squadron safety officer, served as the encampment commander. He started the encampment activities with a brief for cadets and senior members to prepare them for safe participation. The brief included an overview of the encampment, the model rocketry safety code and basic model rocket part identification.

Before the end of the first night, attendees knew what to expect and had completed engine mount and fin construction on their rockets.

On the second day, after the cadets learned to pack the parachute and painted their rockets, Capt. Kaye Ebel, Montana Wing aerospace education officer, taught them about rocket history and the principles of rocket flight and construction.

The group then discussed stability, control systems and rocket aerodynamics and tested cadet rockets for stability.

Before the first launch, Ebel and Bischoff briefed the cadets on tracking devices to be used to track long- and short-range elevation. Cadets formed teams to rotate through the required rocketry launching positions: safety officers, range officers, and short- and long-range trackers. Bischoff authorized each launch and recorded the results.

Several of the cadets received awards for their rockets, based on flight duration, predicted flight, spot landing, total height and overall high score. The top three overall score winners received a model rocketry patch. Cadet Devin Felix, overall winner, also received the model rocketry pin to wear on his uniform.

Bischoff and Ebel were assisted by other senior members: Maj. Mike Rand and Lewis Cozby; Capts. Cindy Rand and Ebel; and Bischoff.

The 15 cadets who completed the encampment were: Staff Sgts. Robert Cozby and Tyler Donaldson; Senior Airman Kyle Tatchell; Airmen 1st Class Ruby Ingebritson, Josh Kuhn, Bridget Manning, Abigail Semple and Jered Wald; and Airmen Devin Felix, Bryan Kennison, Brandy Rennerfeldt, Mary Schorzman, Tori Thompson, Clare Waples and Aaron Zarske.

Also, Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Warhank assisted with rocket retrieval at launch time.

1Lt. Karen Semple

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CALIFORNIA — The Brackett Composite Squadron and its members received five awards during a recent group awards banquet.

Capt. Jim Porter served as host as Group 1 of the California Wing held its annual awards banquet in Van Nuys, Calif. During the ceremony, he presented a total of 13 awards, five of which honored the Brackett squadron as a whole and its members individually.

Truckee squadron celebrates its heroes

Katherine Morris,
Reporter, *Sierra Sun*

A lone bagpiper made his way down Commercial Row to kick off a special Veteran's Day celebration Monday morning.

Despite the cold, close to 30 people gathered around the Eagle Memorial on Donner Pass Road to honor those who've put their lives on the line for their country.

The event, hosted by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Post 2675, and the Tahoe-Truckee Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, has become an annual ceremony in Truckee.

"We are here today to remember all of the men and women who have made sacrifices to make our nation strong and our world a safer place," said Mayor Ron Florian, one of the event's speakers. "We thank these men and women for their service and their bravery."

After a few minutes of silence, Marine Corps Sergeant Robert Todd read the Veteran's Prayer.

"Today, what's been in my thoughts the most, is that no matter how popular or unpopular a war may be, you've always got to remember the people that are out there risking their lives for their country," Todd said.

Todd, who served in Vietnam at the age of 19, said he was proud to be able to help his fellow Marines and serve his country as best he could.

"It's kind of sad that today was such a sad day, because really, Veteran's Day is very much about celebrating the living veterans," Todd said.

Longtime Truckee resident Liz Doerner was on hand to do just that.

"All of the men in my family have served in at least one war," Doerner said as she clung to her two young daughters bundled up in hats and mittens.

"I brought my girls here because they are very fortunate in that they've never really experienced war," she said. "It is something that they need to learn about and be aware of though, and this is one



Four cadets from California Wing's Truckee Composite Squadron honor America's veterans. Pictured are, from left, Kristi Rouse, Cody Thornton, John McCurnin and Jesse McGraw.

Photo by Colin Fisher, Sierra Sun

way to teach them."

The possibility of war in Iraq was heavy on many people's minds.

"This is a time in history when we may stand to lose more fellow Americans to war," one speaker said.

After CAP cadets John McCurnin, Jesse McGraw, Kristi Rouse and Cody Thornton completed the event with the Presentation of the Colors, some attendees traveled to the High Sierra Senior Center for a luncheon.

"I just want to stress that this is not a holiday," said veteran Dennis Cook. "It's a day of remembrance."

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Brackett squadron awards included: Brackett Composite Squadron, 2002 squadron of the year; Maj. Lou Kovacs, safety officer of the year; Chaplain Michael McKinney, chaplain of the year; 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney, public affairs officer of the year; and received the award for newsletter of the year as editor of the squadron's newsletter.

Brackett squadron members who attended the banquet included: Lt. Col. Jerry Prickett, squadron commander; Lt. Col. Ken Hartwell deputy commander for cadets; Cadet 1st. Lt. Scott Marikian, squadron cadet commander; Lt. Col. George Fischer; Chaplain (Capt.) Michael McKinney; 1st. Lt. Adelle McKinney; and Sr. Mbr.

Lynn Anderson.
Lt. Col. Ken Hartwell

CALIFORNIA — The California Wing deputy commander honored cadets and senior members of the Brackett Composite Squadron during the squadron's annual awards banquet.
Lt. Col. Virginia Nelson,

California Wing deputy commander, presented the Squadron of Merit Award for 2002 to Lt. Col. Jerry Prickett, who accepted the award on behalf of squadron members.

Maj. Phil Leasure, commander of California Wing's Group 1, was also present for the presentation.

Several other awards were also presented during the annual banquet. Senior member awardees included: Maj. Dominic Landolfi and Lou Kovacs, Paul E. Garber Award; Chaplain (Maj.) Howard Payne and Capt. Dick Holmstrom, Grover Loening Award; Kovacs and Capt. Scott Borer, Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award.

Squadron annual awards were presented to: Kovacs, mission pilot of the year; Borer, senior officer of the year; Cadet Capt. Scott Marikian, cadet officer of the year; and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Mark Signaio, cadet noncommissioned officer of the year.

Promotions were also presented to 1st Lts. Adelle McKinney and Sandy Tucker and Capt. David Null.

1LT. Adelle McKinney

CALIFORNIA — Several members of the Chino Cadet Squadron color guard participated in a memorial service held to honor those killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The cadet color guard presented colors during a memorial service held at Ingall's Park, Norco, Calif. Master Sgt. Scott Adair, Chino squadron cadet commander, and Cadet Maj. Phil Buckley, cadet commander of the Beach Cities

Composite Squadron, led the color guard into the arena.

Following the color guard were squadron senior members: Capt. Charles Schmidt, squadron commander, 2nd Lt. Kim Caldwell and Technical Flight Officer Chris Martinez.

The Norco Correctional Institute Honor Guard, the Marine Honor Guard and several equestrian units also took part in the event.

After the ceremony, event organizers, American Legion Norco Post 328 recognized the squadron with a certificate of appreciation and a letter inviting them to return next year.

1st Lt. Andrea Binder

CALIFORNIA — Members of the Skyhawks Composite Squadron spent a weekend at a U.S. Navy survival school in Warner Springs, Calif.

Cadets and senior members attended a weekend of Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape training, during which Navy instructors volunteered to train squadron participants in survival and land navigation. The training offered was similar to the training provided for some active duty Navy personnel.

Capt. Eric Gray, a long-time CAP members and experienced ground team leader, explained why attending SERE is valuable for squadron members.

"There are three reasons for our members to participate in SERE: To learn survival skills in case they find themselves in a situation in which they are stranded in the woods they will know what to do to combat the seven deadly enemies of survival, and, as a result, they



Cadet members of California Wing's Skyhawks Composite Squadron learn methods for building shelters from a U.S. Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape school in California. Several Skyhawks cadets and senior members spent a weekend with the instructors.



Skyhawks senior members build a water-collecting site during SERE training. Visible in the picture are, from left, 2nd Lts. Eric Johansen, Tony Diaz and Rich Ralston.

will survive. It is also an exercise in building teamwork, leadership, self-confidence and communication skills. And, as a searcher, it is often helpful to know what is going on in the mind of the victim. If you have personally been in a similar situation, you

can better understand what they are thinking and how to rescue them," Gray said.

The seven enemies of survival they members learned about were hunger, thirst, the elements, fear, pain, boredom, loneliness and fatigue.

The squadron members were then divided into teams and put through exercises which required them to take basic survival equipment to certain map coordinates. Once each team made it to a destination, new lessons were introduced.

Lesson topics included water gathering and food acquisition, shelter-building, navigation, and fire building. The Skyhawks members then had to prove that they learned something by making their own shelters to sleep in for the night.

Those Skyhawks squadron members who took part gained knowledge and skill, and learned to work together as a team.

1st Lt. Audrey DiGiantomasso

CALIFORNIA — Representatives from several organizations attended a service held by the Cloverfield Composite Squadron to remember those who died in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The ceremony, held at the Cloverfield squadron's headquarters at the Santa Monica (Calif.) Airport, was conducted by the squadron's cadet drill team with assistance from a few senior members. Representatives from the Santa Monica Police Department and Airport Security Force attended, along with California Wing cadets and senior members and others with ties to the airport.

The drill team was made up

of Cadets Sean Gillette, Daniel Sampson, Christian Umo and Michael Singleton. 1st Lt. Maile Bloxsom instructed the team, and 2nd Lt. Greg Solman assisted. Capt. Thomas Hoebink received the drill team's salute.

Also during the memorial service, Capt. Nick Akers addressed the attendees and served as project officer.

Members of the Cloverfield squadron were asked to stand watch at the airport by state and local authorities in the wake of the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Capt. Nicklas Akers

CALIFORNIA — Members from three California Wing squadrons visited the facilities of a U.S. Navy helicopter squadron.

Cadets and senior members of the South Bay, San Diego, and El Cajon's 55th Composite squadrons toured the facilities of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 10 at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

U.S. Navy Reserve public affairs officer Lt. Chad Simpson welcomed the visitors and briefed them on the require

Skyhawks Composite Squadron members build more than structures

1st Lt. Audrey DiGiantomasso
Public Affairs Officer
Skyhawks Composite Squadron

Members of the Skyhawks Composite Squadron helped low-income families and built relationships with members of other community groups at Habitat for Humanity work sites.

Members of the Skyhawks squadron volun-

teered to work on a Habitat for Humanity project for two Saturdays. Habitat for Humanity is a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing solid, affordable homes for low-income families. The organization recently expanded that mission to support communities with other building projects, such as a neighborhood park which the squadron members helped build in Escondido, Calif.

Cadets age 16 and above and senior members met early two Saturday mornings to help as needed on Habitat projects. The first Saturday, they worked on a house and constructed shelves, painted, and added details to a house in Escondido, Calif.

The second Saturday, they arrived at an empty lot that Habitat volunteers were going to turn into a park. They dug trenches for irrigation, moved rocks, installed irrigation pipes, and mapped out borders for plant beds to be put in.

According to those who participated in the project, one of the greatest things about this community service was that it allowed Skyhawk squadron members to work with – and build relationships with – volunteers from other youth groups and community service organizations in their area, such as the YMCA.



Cadets Andrea DiGiantomasso and Cameron Day of California Wing's Skyhawks Composite Squadron work with other community volunteers and learn how to install sprinklers in a park that Habitat for Humanity is building in Escondido, Calif.



Skyhawks Cadet Staff Sgt. Dominic Sanchez begins the day with Habitat for Humanity by moving irrigation pipes to the building site.

61st CAP anniversary display



Maj. Shyle Irigoin, of Nevada Wing's Reno Composite Squadron, puts the finishing touch on a display in the Reno Town Mall for CAP's 61st anniversary. The display was part of the squadron's efforts to recruit new members for the Nevada Wing. Because of the work of Nevada Wing and Reno squadron members, Dec. 1-7 was "Civil Air Patrol Week" in Reno, by proclamation of Mayor Bob Cashell. The proclamation was also displayed in the Reno Town Mall branch of the Washoe County Library System, along with other items of interest announcing CAP's 61st anniversary.

ments for earning flight wings in the Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. He emphasized the importance of maintaining high grades in school, staying drug-free, and keeping physically fit.

Simpson also described the Sikorsky SH-60F Seahawk helicopter and its multipurpose role in antisubmarine warfare, logistics, special warfare team insertion and extraction, vertical replenishment, and search and rescue missions.

After the briefing, squadron members assembled in the hangar, where Simpson explained the Seahawk's various ASW systems, instrumentation and engine components. He also discussed Seahawk the pilot's flight suit and survival gear.

The tour group members also visited the base's static aircraft display. Aircraft displayed included: the S-3 Viking, C-2 Greyhound, SH-60 Seahawk, VH-3 Seaking, and SH-2 Seasprite. 1st Lt. Dennis Ammann lectured on the various aircraft, their missions, ordnance, capabilities, and the role that each plays in the carrier battle group.

The tour allowed cadets and senior members to learn about rotary wing aircraft and their role in the fleet, and about the Navy's carrier battle groups.

The San Diego squadron cadets who participated in the tour were: Capt. Brian Jensen; Chief Master Sgt. Joe DeCraen; Master Sgt. Sam DeCraen; Tech. Sgts. Lance Spencer, Nick Carter and Matt Olsen; Airmen Erick Espiritu, Joseph Roy, Elizabeth Pardue, Daniel Roy, Jason Murillo and Matt Schultz. San Diego squadron senior members were: Maj. Ronald DeCraen; Capt. Earl Greenia and Darren Kasai; and 1st Lt. Dennis Ammann.

South Bay cadets included: 2nd Lt. Mahlon Wilkes; and Airmen Jennifer Russow, Edgar Noriega, Jasmine Tiger and Ryan Bennion. The senior member was 2nd Lt. Pat Burrascano.

55th Composite Squadron Cadet Airman Robert Vertullo also participated.

1st Lt. Dennis S. Ammann

WASHINGTON — Members of the Tri-City Composite Squadron took part in a Veteran's Day celebration in Pasco, Wash.

Tri-City squadron cadets joined members of other youth groups and honored veterans of all services during Veteran's Day activities at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. While all veterans were honored, special

emphasis was placed on Vietnam veterans during this year's celebration. Nearly 50,000 soldiers gave their lives during the 15 years the United States had a presence in Indo-China.

During the festivities, Cadet Maj. Lisa Deibler joined with members of other youth groups and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Later, retired U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Roy Carriker led other "Project Honor" members in a wreath-laying ceremony held to honor the various branches of the U.S. armed forces. Project Honor is an organization Carriker started to provide honor guards in uniform to serve during funerals as requested. In the past 15 years, he and representatives of all branches of the military have attended more than 600 funerals in the areas surrounding the Tri-Cities.

One Project Honor officer, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Colley, agreed to have his picture taken with the CAP cadets since he served as Air Force liaison to the Richland squadron after the Korean War.

One of the celebration highlights was a special flag ceremony performed by Tri-City squadron cadets, Tri-City Young Marines, and Columbia Basin Sea Cadets. Cadets 2nd Lt. Kevin Grummer and Staff Sgt.

Walter Brim were part of the color guard that led the way for a 12-member flag detail. Cadets Col. Paul Kawaguchi and Airman Frank Grams were among the 12 who carried a five-foot by 20-foot

American flag. As they held the flag, a brief patriotic passage concerning the honor and respect due the American flag was read.

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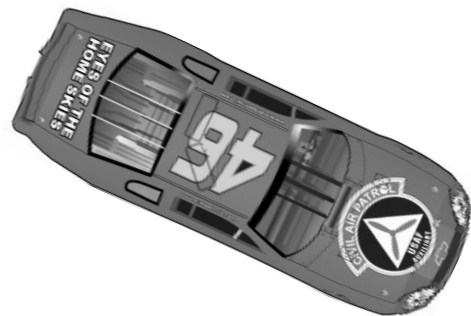
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Ashton Lewis Jr.



CAP leaders excited about 2003 Busch Series season

NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS — As the only national nonprofit organization involved in NASCAR's Busch Series as a primary sponsor, Civil Air Patrol leaders are excited about the upcoming 2003 season.

In August 2002, CAP's Board of Governors voted to

continue their sponsorship of the #46 Chevrolet, piloted by Ashton Lewis Jr., through the 2003 season.

The board members decided to extend the sponsorship because they were pleased with the exposure CAP was receiving — contributed to an 8.2 percent

CAP membership increase and about \$4.9 million in media exposure — and they know they have an outstanding role model for their cadets in driver Ashton Lewis Jr.

"We absolutely made the

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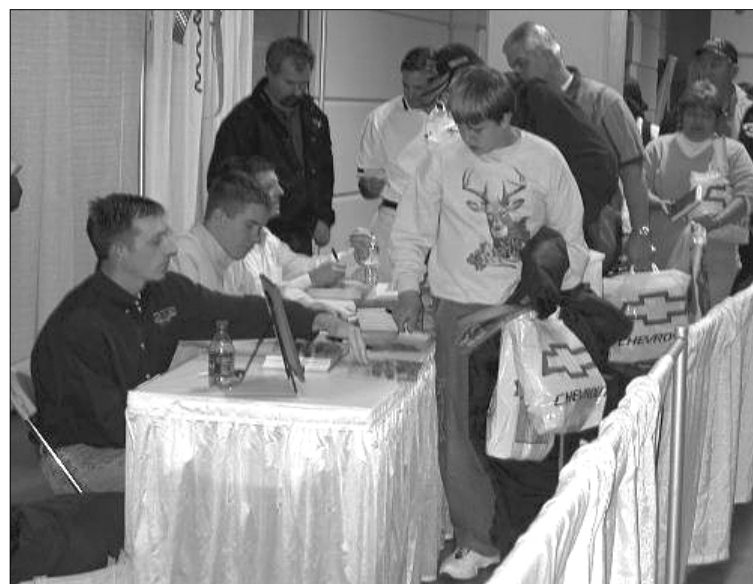
right decision in picking Ashton as our driver," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling. "Ashton spent a lot of time in 2002 meeting with various cadet squadrons across the country, and he sent a positive message everywhere he went. I know he will con-

tinue to represent us well in 2003."

In response to new homeland security responsibilities CAP expects to be assuming, the leadership decided a new paint scheme was in line for the #46 Chevrolet.

"We have taken on a new public role, and we wanted the car to take on a new look in 2003," said Bowling. "Hopefully the new look will help increase public awareness."

CAP is actively seeking tax deductible donations, or associate sponsors for their racing program. For more information, please contact kriddle@capnhq.gov.



Ashton Lewis Jr., far left, driver of the #46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet signs autographs during the 2003 Busch Series Preview in Freedom Hall at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart in Charlotte, N.C.

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Jul 4 TBA
Jul 12 Tropicana Twister 300
Jul 19 New England 200
Jul 26 Colorado 250
Aug 2 TBA
Aug 16 TBA
Aug 22 Food City 250
Aug 30 TBA
Sep 5 Funai 250
Sep 20 Dover 200
Oct 4 Mr. Goodcents 300
Oct 10 Little Trees 300
Oct 18 Sam's Town 250
Oct 25 Aaron's 312
Nov 1 Bashas' Supermarkets 200
Nov 8 Sam's Club 200
Nov 15 Ford 300

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